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San Antonio Mayor Nominated as Housing Secretary

President Barack Obama, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, center, and San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro during an announcement in the State Dining Room of the White House, in Washington, May 23, 2014.

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WASHINGTON - Mayor Julián Castro of San Antonio, a rising star in the Democratic Party, is expected to soon have a platform that might kick-start a national political career. President Barack Obama made that possible Friday by officially nominating Castro to be secretary of

housing and urban development, replacing Shaun Donovan, who will become the president's new budget chief. Both nominations require confirmation by the Senate. "He's become a leader in housing and economic development," Obama said of Castro, calling him an "all-star who has done a fantastic job in San Anto-

nio." Castro's political options in Texas have become limited by the state's conservative politics, and while the secretary rarely has a high profile in Washington, he will be able to reach a wider audience there. And that could lead to a spot on the 2016 Democratic ticket as the VP nominee, a possibility that has been mentioned by party

officials in recent months. Experience as a member of Obama's Cabinet could enhance Castro's appeal as a running mate. Castro impressed delegates and party leaders at the 2012 Democratic National Convention when he delivered the keynote address and drew favorable comparisons to the well-received speech that

Obama, then a first-term senator from Illinois, gave at the 2004 convention. Castro could help Democrats cement their appeal with Hispanic voters, who have become a crucial part of the party's success in presidential elections. As housing secretary, Castro would become one of the country's highest-ranking Hispanic public officials. □

Urumqi, China: Residents try to move on after attack

ANDREW JACOBS

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URUMQI, China - They were hard-core bargain hunters, gray-haired bus drivers and bureaucrats on modest pensions who woke up early to find the cheapest produce in this increasingly expensive city. For the SUV driver seeking to maximize the mayhem, they were the easiest of targets.

"The driver zigzagged down the street like he was drunk, knocking people over and crushing others under the tires," one witness said. "These poor old people

The bakeries, noodle makers and fishmongers were open for business. A restaurant serving rice pilaf and lamb was packed with Uighur men and young bank employees on their lunch break. A few paces from the shattered window of a pawnshop, schoolchildren in matching track suits boisterously traded penny-candy.

But this city of 3 million remains on edge. The authorities, fearing revenge attacks by Han citizens, deployed a thick cordon of heavily armed police

the regional capital.

"This is the vile political murder of innocent people who know nothing and care less about the so-called 'cause' their murderers wish to promulgate," Xinhua, the state news agency, wrote in an editorial Friday. "Such crimes are not to be tolerated in any civilized country or ethnic group."

Here in Urumqi, Han and Uighur residents tried to put on a brave face, saying that the attack would not succeed in driving a wedge between them.



People place candles and flowers at the base of a tree during a candlelight vigil to mourn victims of an attack in Urumqi, China, May 23, 2014. A day after one of China's worst terrorist attacks in recent memory, authorities, fearing revenge attacks by Han citizens, deployed a thick cordon of heavily armed police officers in front of Uighur schools and neighborhoods.

(The New York Times)

never had a chance."

Moments later, another SUV barreled down North Park Street, its occupants tossing small explosive devices out the windows as the driver ran over those who lay wounded in the street.

By the time the vehicles exploded at opposite ends of the block, more than 30 people were dead and 94 others were wounded. The police said five of the assailants involved in the attack had died at the scene. Most of the victims were ethnic Han, the dominant ethnic group in China.

On Friday morning, a day after one of China's worst terrorist attacks in recent memory, North Park Street had a veneer of normalcy.

officers in front of Uighur schools and neighborhoods. Security guards at markets and malls asked shoppers to open their bags; those carrying bottled drinks were told to take a sip to ensure that they were not filled with gasoline. The U.S. Embassy issued a warning advising its citizens to avoid traveling here in the Xinjiang region, in China's far west.

In Beijing, the authorities promised a merciless campaign against the Uighur separatists who in recent months have been expanding their range of targets, shedding the blood of tourists in Beijing, train passengers in the southwestern city of Kunming and now elderly shoppers in Urumqi,

"Most Uighurs are good," said Xu Chen, 36, a Han businessman who was born and raised in Xinjiang and who said he counted many Uighurs among his best friends. "It's just a tiny minority who would seek to cause trouble."

Korban Ismail, 26, a Uighur taxi driver, uttered almost exactly the same words, but then he recalled an incident earlier in the day, when he stopped to pick up three Han women who had flagged him down. Seeing his face, one of the women refused to get in, and Ismail drove away in anger. "When I got married, I had more Han guests than Uighurs," he said. "This kind of behavior can't be good for ethnic harmony." □

WTO is said to side with U.S. in dispute over Chinese car tariffs

KEITH BRADSHAW

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HONG KONG - The Obama administration is preparing to declare victory on Friday in a dispute with China over punitive Chinese tariffs on U.S. exports of large cars and SUVs.

The fight was the latest in a series of World Trade Organization disputes between Beijing and Washington. A WTO panel in Geneva has spent more than a year reviewing legal briefs from the two sides over the Chinese commerce ministry's abrupt imposition in late 2011 of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy tariffs on the large-engine family vehicles, and has distributed the report to both governments in the case, said a person briefed on the dispute who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the legal and diplomatic issues involved. China imposed anti-dumping tariffs of 2 to 8.9 percent on U.S. cars and SUVs with an engine displacement of more than 2.5 liters in December 2011, alleging that these vehicles were being sold to dealers in China for less than the full cost of manufacturing them. China also imposed additional anti-subsidy tariffs of 12.9 percent on large-engine passenger vehicles from General Motors and 6.2 percent on these vehicles, mainly Jeeps, from Chrysler.

China contended that the government-managed bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler had the effect of providing subsidies for these manufacturers' exports. The details of the WTO panel decision, which either side can appeal, were not immediately available. Officials at the commerce ministry in Beijing and at the Chinese mission to the WTO in Geneva, and U.S. trade officials in Washington, did not respond to early requests for comment. Michael B. Froman, the U.S. trade representative, is to be joined for an announcement of the decision by two Michigan Democrats, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Rep. Sandy Levin, in one of many moves by the Obama administration to portray itself as being willing to confront China on trade issues. International trade has been a particularly delicate issue in Michigan, home to GM, Ford and Chrysler, and Republicans have periodically contended that they are better able to handle trade relations with Beijing. The WTO decision coincidentally comes out in the same week in which the Justice Department indicted five Chinese soldiers, saying they had broken into the computers of five companies and a union in the United States. Three of the companies and the union had been engaged in trade disputes with China when they were the victims of the alleged break-ins. China imposed the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy tariffs a week after the Obama administration had upset Beijing by saying that it would file a WTO case against Chinese restrictions on imports of U.S. broiler chickens. But the big irritant in bilateral trade relations at the time was the Commerce Department's decision that autumn to begin a broad anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigation of solar panels from China, which would lead to steep tariffs the next year. In bringing a WTO case against China's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy tariffs on large-engine passenger vehicles, the United States has run the risk that a WTO panel might issue a broadly worded opinion that could later be used against U.S. anti-dumping and anti-subsidy rules. These rules have also been challenged periodically at the WTO by other countries, with partial success. But the U.S. rules are the product of decades of fine-tuning in response to previous trade disputes. China has abruptly drafted and begun imposing its own rules in the last few years, and these rules have drawn international criticism for lacking clarity or transparency. □

Kerry agrees to testify on Benghazi, with caveats

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WASHINGTON - Secretary of State John Kerry agreed Friday to testify before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform over the 2012 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, possibly exacerbating tensions between Republicans over competing inquiries. In a letter to Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., the committee's combative chairman, the State Department's assistant secretary for legislative affairs, Julia Frifield, appeared to go out of her way to pit Issa's investigation into the attacks against a new one being conducted by a select committee appointed by Speaker John A. Boehner. Frifield said that Kerry would testify in June, but that in complying with Issa's demands, "we believe this would remove any need for the secretary to appear before the select committee" on the Beng-

hazi attacks, which killed four Americans, including J. Christopher Stevens, the ambassador to Libya. Committee aides set the appearance for June 12. The appointment this month of the special committee on Benghazi, whose chairman is Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., has exacerbated the feuding among the three committees that have already investigated the attacks - the Armed Services, Intelligence and Oversight committees - and has added tension among the Republican members of those panels. "The committees have done some good work, but nobody's brought it all together," said Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, a close confidant of Gowdy's. "You have good people coming to different conclusions." Advocates of the new committee have been critical of the other three, arguing that the inquiry by the Armed Services Com-



Secretary of State John Kerry gives the thumbs before boarding his plane in Benito Juarez International airport in Mexico City, en route to Washington. Kerry agreed Friday to testify over the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, possibly exacerbating tensions between Republicans over competing inquiries. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, Pool)

mittee pulled its punches to protect the military, that the Intelligence Committee went easy on the CIA because of their close ties, and that the Oversight Committee lacked the security clearances necessary to examine many of the documents the other

two committees had reviewed. Frifield declined to make Kerry available Thursday, the day the chairman had demanded. "He will be fully occupied with critical diplomatic engagements following the May 25 presidential elec-

tion in Ukraine. He will also be engaged in important bilateral and multilateral meetings in preparation for overseas travel," she wrote, offering June 12 or June 20 and saying that should negate any need to send him before the Gowdy committee. □

US suspends \$.3.5M in military aid to Thailand

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is suspending \$3.5 million in military aid to Thailand, its first punitive step against the Asian country following a military coup, the State Department announced Friday. Spokeswoman Marie Harf said the department is still reviewing a further \$7 million in direct U.S. assistance to Thailand, and an undetermined amount of aid from other global and regional programs. The department on Friday also recommended Americans reconsider any non-essential travel to Thailand, particularly Bangkok, due to political and social unrest and restrictions on movement, including a nighttime curfew. Secretary of State John Kerry announced the review of U.S. assistance and military ties hours after Thursday's military takeover in Thailand, a U.S. treaty ally and close military partner. Kerry said

Thursday there was no justification for the coup and urged the immediate restoration of civilian government and a return to democracy. Harf said the suspended programs pay for weapons sales and training for military officers. She said the U.S. has been in contact with Thai military leaders but gave no details. The declaration of the coup has underscored the limited leverage the U.S. has with Thailand, despite their long-standing ties. After the military declared martial law on Tuesday, Washington had urged an early return to democracy and free and fair elections, only for Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha to abruptly seize power. The new junta consolidated its control Friday. Ousted members of the former government surrendered and soldiers forcefully dispersed hundreds of anti-coup activists who defied a ban on large-scale gatherings to protest the army's action. □

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Federal judge rules Conyers can be on ballot

JULIE BOSMAN

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Rep. John Conyers Jr. narrowly escaped a political fiasco Friday when a fed-

eral judge granted him a place on the primary ballot in August, allowing him to survive a campaign misstep that left him hundreds

of valid signatures short of the number required for his re-election petition. The ruling came just hours after the Michigan Secre-

tary of State, Ruth Johnson, rejected an appeal from the Conyers campaign.

Conyers, a Democrat who was first elected in 1964, found his re-election chances at risk because his campaign failed to collect 1,000 valid signatures on petitions for re-election. What initially appeared to be a minor misstep quickly became a grievous error that threatened the career of one of the most senior members of Congress,

who is a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus and the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

In issuing his injunction, Judge Matthew Leitman of U.S. District Court said that the "failure to comply with the registration statute was the result of good-faith mistakes."

"They believed they were in compliance with the

statute," the judge wrote. Leitman said he was releasing his order at this time "because time is of the essence."

"The court believes it is essential to issue this order now - prior to issuance of a supporting opinion - in order to provide any party who may wish to appeal as much time as possible in which to do so and in order to maximize the time in which the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit may have to review any possible appeal," the judge wrote.

Bert Johnson, a state senator who is running Conyers' campaign, said in a telephone interview that Conyers was "pretty happy" with the outcome.

"We believe it's a very big win for the voters," Johnson said. "It puts one of the more ugly parts of the campaign process behind us." □



Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), left, talks with Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), second from right, as they head to a news conference in Washington. A federal judge granted Conyers a place on the primary ballot on May 23, 2014, allowing him to survive a campaign misstep that left him hundreds of valid signatures short of the number required for his re-election petition.

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US Coast Guard: Missing British yacht's hull found

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A U.S. Navy warship has located the overturned hull of a British yacht that went missing last week in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, but officials said Friday night's deadline to end the search remains in effect.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Robert Simpson said a helicopter from the warship spotted the hull Friday afternoon, in an area roughly 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) off the coast of Massachusetts.

A small boat crew confirmed it bore the name of the 40-foot (12-meter) Cheeki Rafiki.

The hull had previously been spotted by a container ship last Saturday.

The Coast Guard, at the time, said there was no sign of the sailors or a life raft.

Simpson said Friday was the first time rescuers examined the hull, which had a breach where the keel had broken off.

A Navy swimmer found the boat's cabin completely flooded and its windows shattered. Simpson said the swimmer also knocked on the hull and reached below the waterline but got no response.

Simpson said confirmation of the overturned hull does not change its deadline for suspending the search. He said among the items rescuers are searching for is a bright-colored life raft.

The Coast Guard has said it would only extend the search beyond 10 p.m.



This photo shows the missing yacht Cheeki Rafiki. A U.S. Navy warship has located the hull of the Cheeki Rafiki, which went missing last week in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, but officials said Friday night's deadline to end the search remains in effect.

(AP Photo/Royal Yachting Association/PA)

(0300 GMT) if they find evidence the crew members are still alive. The search has involved American, British and Canadian ves-

sels and aircraft.

The British Foreign Office said it has informed the missing sailors' families of the discovery. The Foreign

Office said earlier Friday that the families were "saddened to hear that the US Coast Guard will be suspending the search. □

Ohio schools chief accused over destroying evidence

MARK GILLISPIE
Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — The superintendent of an Ohio district where two high school football players were found guilty of rape in a high-profile case last year wiped computer hard drives, erased emails and lied to investigators about his knowledge of the allegations against the boys, newly released court documents say.

The filing Thursday came in the case against Steubenville superintendent Michael McVey, 51, who has pleaded not guilty to felony counts of tampering with evidence and obstructing justice, and misdemeanor counts of falsification and obstructing official business.

The charges stem from an investigation of McVey's actions after he learned

of the allegations in 2012 made by a 16-year-old West Virginia girl against the two members of the storied Steubenville High football team, one of whom was the team's quarterback. The teens eventually were found guilty in juvenile court and were sent to youth detention centers and classified as sex offenders.

The case drew national attention in part because of the role of texting and social media in exposing the attack, which led to allegations that authorities were covering up the actions of football players.

McVey is accused of misleading authorities about the school's investigation into the rape allegations and concealing knowledge about rumors of sex and drinking at a teen party four months earlier. □



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Poll: Sign-ups rising but little love for health law

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama celebrated when sign-ups for his health care law topped 8 million, far exceeding expectations after a slipshod launch. Most Americans, however, remain unimpressed. A new Associated Press-GfK poll finds that public opinion continues to run deeply negative on the Affordable Care Act, Obama's signature effort to cover the uninsured. Forty-three percent oppose the law, compared with just 28 percent in support.

The pattern illustrates why the health care law remains a favored target for Republicans seeking a Senate majority in the November elections.

The poll does have a bright spot for the administration: Those who signed up for coverage aren't reeling from high costs. Most said they found premiums in line with what they expected to pay, or even lower.

But even that was diminished by another finding: More than one-third of those who said they or someone in their household tried to enroll, were ultimately unable to do so. For the White House, it's an uncomfortable reminder of the technical problems that paralyzed the HealthCare.gov website for weeks after it went live last fall.

The example of business owner Henry Kulik shows some of the cross-currents of public opinion.

Kulik is disabled as a result of Lou Gehrig's disease, a condition that destroys the brain's ability to control muscle movement. His family runs several stores that sell ice cream and other summer refreshments in the Philadelphia area.

Kulik says he doesn't believe the federal government should require people to carry health insurance, as the law does. And he can understand worries about the cost to taxpayers. On the other hand, he's been able to slash what his family pays for health insurance by purchasing coverage through the law's new insurance markets and by taking advantage of tax credits to lower the premiums.

Before the law, his family was paying \$2,400 a month. Now it's several hundred dollars. And Kulik says the insurance for himself, his wife, and three children is comparable to what they had before.

"I think there is a lot of misinformation," he says.

Obama's health care law offers subsidized private coverage to middle-class people who have no health plan on the job, and it expands Medicaid to pick up low-income uninsured adults. But last fall's launch of new health insurance markets was paralyzed technical problems. The debacle contributed to the departure of health secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

After Congress approved the law in 2010, a political backlash over its Medicare cuts, tax increases and new regulations helped Republicans win the House. This fall the GOP is following a similar strategy with the Senate at stake.

"Republicans hold an advantage on this issue among people who feel strongly about it," said Robert Blendon of the Harvard School of Public Health, who follows opinion trends on health care.

Still, just 17 percent of poll respondents said the law will be completely repealed. While that represents an increase of 5 percentage points from March, the poll found that 67 percent believe the health law will be implemented with changes, whether major or superficial. The poll found that sign-up success translated into higher approval for the health care law. □

Detroit under siege in 'Carjack City'

COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — When they pull up to a gas station these days, Detroit drivers have a more threatening concern than the price of filling up their tanks: carjackers.

The armed auto thieves

The Michigan city filed for bankruptcy last year, and the state-appointed emergency manager tasked with restructuring its \$18 billion in debt has said crime needs to be reduced to make Detroit attractive to new residents and businesses.

have so many gas stations that want to become a lighthouse. You get better protection with that big sticker in the window that tells criminals there is proper equipment that will help police investigate these crimes."

Detroit police reported 720



Greg Champion wears a gun while pumping gas in Detroit. To avoid becoming a carjacking victim, Champion wears a handgun on his hip whenever he's pumping gas. Through May 19, Detroit has recorded 191 carjackings in 2014.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

have become so common here that parts of the bankrupt metropolis are referred to as "Carjack City," and many motorists fear getting out of their vehicles even for a few moments to fill a tank.

So gas stations are taking steps to protect customers, and the city has formed a special police team to go after suspects. Convicted carjackers will even get their faces and prison sentences plastered onto billboards.

"You need to catch these people and make a good example of them," said MousaBazzi, who owns a Mobil station in a semi-desolate neighborhood bordering Detroit's east riverfront. He keeps his business well-lit and continually has two to four employees inside to ensure "there's always an extra hand or two" in case of trouble.

Detroit, a once vibrant manufacturing hub, has long suffered from depleting jobs, high crime and population losses.

Authorities blame many of the carjackings, ironically, on improvements in vehicle security. Anti-theft equipment, GPS systems and advanced locks now prevent many vehicles from being driven without a key in the ignition.

That makes it difficult or impossible for thieves to steal parked cars, leading them to target vehicles that are occupied, said Jonathan Parnell, of Detroit's auto-theft squad.

Also contributing to the thefts is a strong demand for stolen wheels and tires, police said.

Bazzi's station displays pale-green decals depicting a lighthouse — a symbol that his business has joined the city's anti-carjacking effort. To be part of the program, stations must have security cameras, good lighting, be open 24 hours and have clerks willing to help motorists and provide a phone for emergency calls.

"There is a waiting list," Sgt. Michael Woody said. "We

carjackings last year in the city of fewer than 700,000 people. That's down from nearly 850 in 2011 and 1,231 in 2008.

The decline may partly be due to Detroit's freefalling population, but the thefts still exceed the carjackings in some comparably sized U.S. cities.

SharlondaBuckman, executive director of a Detroit nonprofit, was at a gas station on an October morning when she ran inside for aspirin. Back inside her SUV, she was just closing the door when she saw a carjacker shove his gun inside. She screamed and jumped out of the vehicle. The carjacker jumped in and drove off. Three other customers gave chase in their vehicles. One caught up to the SUV and got shot in the leg by the carjacker, who was later arrested.

Now, Buckman said, she tries not to pump gas at all. "If the night catches me, I won't pump gas in the city," she said. "Or I'll call somebody to meet me." □



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US new-home sales rose 6.4 percent in April

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of U.S. new homes recovered in April after slumping in the previous two months. But Americans are still buying new homes at a slower pace than they did a year ago.

The Commerce Department said Friday that sales of new homes rose 6.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 433,000. That compares with an upwardly revised annual pace of 407,000 in March, when purchases fell 6.9 percent. Buying had dropped 4.4 percent in February, in part because of winter snowstorms.

Demand for newly built homes remains one of the missing pieces of the nearly 5-year-old recovery from the Great Recession. A lack of affordability has limited buying around the country. Sales of new homes are running at roughly half the rate of a healthy real estate market.

Warmer weather has yet to heat up the housing market after a harsh winter slowed sales in January and February. Higher prices and mortgage rates over the past year have sidelined many would-be buyers.

Sales during April surged in the Midwest and edged up in the South. Home-buying was flat in the West and fell in the Northeast.

Yelena Shulyatyeva, an economist at BNP Paribas, noted that the 47.4 percent increase in Midwest sales likely came from the start of the spring buying season and that similar levels of growth are "not likely to continue."

US Financial Front:

As Americans begin spending again, retailers reciprocate

MAE ANDERSON

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to shopping, more Americans are skipping the stores and pulling out their smartphones and tablets. Still, there's more on the horizon for shopping than just point-and-clicking.

No one thinks physical stores are going away permanently. But because of the frenetic pace of advances in technology and online shopping, the stores that remain will likely offer amenities and services that are more about experiences and less about selling a product. Think: Apple Inc.'s stores.

Among the things industry watchers are envisioning are holograms in dressing rooms that will allow shoppers to try on clothes without getting undressed. Their homes will be equipped with smart technology that will order light bulbs before they go dark. And they'll be able to print out a full version of coffee cups and other products using 3-D technology in stores.

"Physical shopping will become a lot more fun because it's going to have to be," retail futurist Doug Stephens says.

MORE SERVICES

Forrester analyst Sucharita Mulpuru says stores of the future will be more about services, like day care, veterinary services and beauty services. Services that connect online and offline shopping could increase as well, with more drive-thru pickup and order-online, pick-up-in-store services. Checkout also will be self-service or with cashiers using computer tablets.

Some stores are taking self-service further: A store in

Seattle called Hointer displays clothing not in piles or on racks but as one piece hanging at a time, like a gallery.

Shoppers just touch their smartphones to a coded tag on the item and then select a color and size on their phone. Technology in the store keeps track of



In this photo provided by Hointer, a woman demonstrates the Seattle store's shopping technology. Hointer displays clothing not in piles or on racks but as one piece hanging at a time, like a gallery. Shoppers just touch their smartphones to a coded tag on the item and then select a color and size via their phone. Technology in the store keeps track of the items, and by the time a shopper is ready to try them on, they're already at the dressing room.

(AP Photo/Hointer)

the items, and by the time a shopper is ready to try them on, they're already at the dressing room.

If the shopper doesn't like an item, he tosses it down a chute, which automatically removes the item from the shopper's online shopping cart. The shopper keeps the items that he or she wants, which are purchased automatically when leaving the store, no checkout involved.

Nadia Shouraboura, Hointer's CEO, says once shoppers get used to the process, they're hooked.

ON-DEMAND COUPONS

Some stores like British retailer Tesco and drugstore

Duane Reade now are testing beacons, Bluetooth-enabled devices that can communicate directly with your cellphone to offer discounts, direct you to a desired product in a store or enable you to pay remotely.

For example, you can walk into a drugstore where you

ruption in retail, Deloitte's Lobaugh predicts. Take a simple item like a coffee cup. Instead of producing one in China, transporting it and distributing it to retail stores, you could just download the code for the coffee cup and 3-D print it at a retail outlet or in your own home.

"That starts a dramatic change in terms of the structure of retail," Lobaugh said.

Right now a few stores offer rudimentary 3-D-printing services, but they are very limited. He predicts the shift will come in 10 to 20 years.

ORDER YOURSELF

Steve Yankovich, head of innovation for eBay, thinks someday buying household supplies won't take any effort at all. He says someday a connected home could be able to use previous customer history and real-time data the house records to sense when a light bulb burns out, for example, and order a new one automatically. Or a washing machine will order more detergent when it runs low. "A box could show up on porch with this disparate set of 10 things the connected home and eBay determined you needed to keep things running smoothly," he says. "It's called zero-effort commerce."

HOLOGRAMS

EBay recently bought PhiSix, a company working on creating life-size 3-D models of clothing that can be used in dressing rooms to instantly try on different colors of clothing or different styles. You can see 30 or 40 items of clothing realistically without physically trying them on.

normally buy face cream. The beacon would recognize your smartphone, connect it with past purchasing history and send you a text or email with a coupon for the cream. "The more we know about customers ... you can use promotions on not a macro level but a micro level," says Kasey Lobaugh, chief retail innovation officer at Deloitte Consulting. A store could offer a mother 20 percent off on Mother's Day, for example, or offer frequent buyers of paper towels a discount on bulk purchases.

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Some privacy, please? Facebook, under pressure, gets the message

VINDU GOEL

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SAN FRANCISCO - Do you know who can see what you are posting on Facebook, including your photos, birthday and personal cellphone number? Chances are that you don't. Facebook is worried that you will start sharing less -

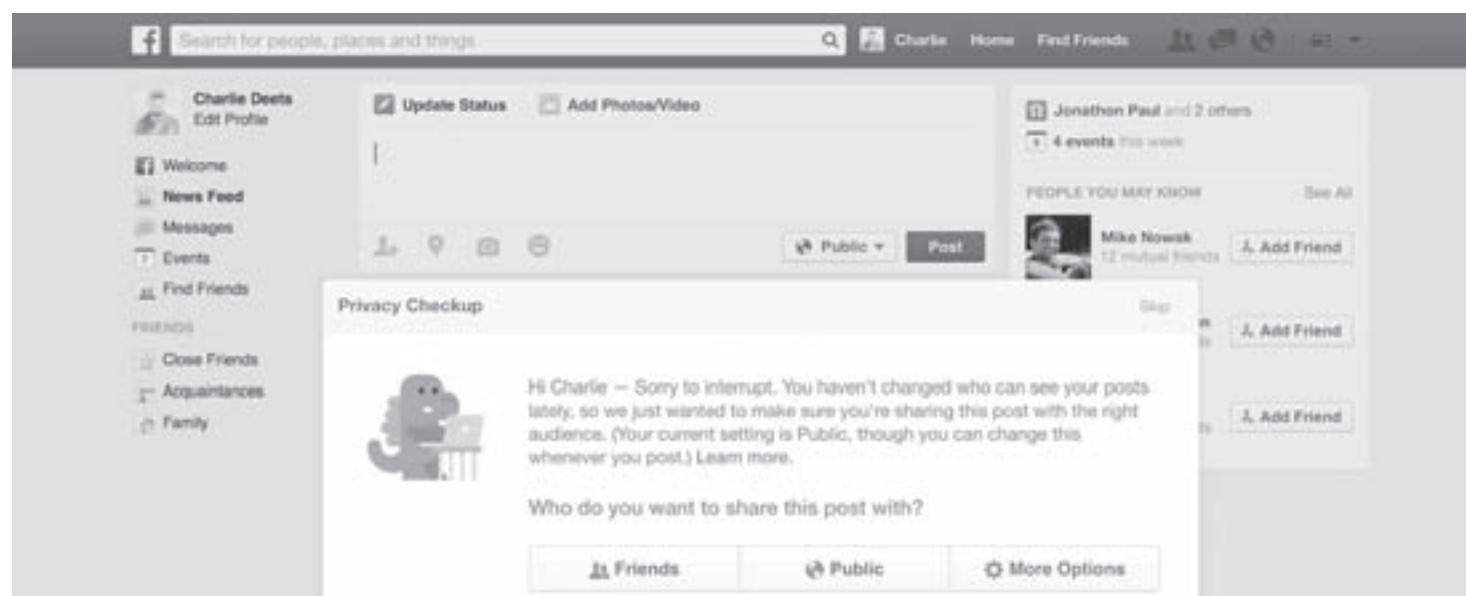
"public" means that anyone can see their photos and posts. The change in default settings and the person-by-person review is a sharp reversal for Facebook, whose privacy settings are famously complicated. Some users may be shocked when they see just how widely their per-

sonal details of their lives with only the right people. "What we really want is to enable people to share what they want," Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's co-founder and chief executive, said in a recent interview. And more sharing means more growth and more opportunities to place ads for

important part of the picture, and I think it's increasingly important," he said. "Anything we can do that makes people feel more comfortable is really good." Nearly 9 in 10 Internet users have taken steps online to remove or mask their digital footprints, according to a telephone survey of

20 years. In Europe, privacy officials are reviewing the company's proposed acquisition of WhatsApp, which offers users much stricter privacy protection than Facebook does. "They have gotten enough privacy black eyes at this point that I tend to believe that they realized they have to take care of consumers a lot better," said Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum, a nonprofit research and advocacy group. In its announcement, Facebook said that when people signed in to post something on the company's popular social network, they would soon see a blue cartoon dinosaur that popped up with the message, "We just wanted to make sure you're sharing with the right people."

The service will then walk users through the privacy settings for their status updates, remind them of the applications that have permission to use their Facebook data, and review the privacy settings for some of the most private information on their profiles, like their hometown, employer, phone number and birth date. "People sometimes feel that their information is more public than they want," Mike Nowak, a Facebook product manager who worked on the privacy checklist, said in an interview. "It's not fun when you share something and someone you didn't expect to be able to see it can see it."



A screen grab of a privacy checklist notification on Facebook. Responding to business pressures and longstanding concerns that its privacy settings are too complicated, Facebook announced on May 22, 2014, that it was giving a privacy checklist to every one of its 1.28 billion users.

(Handout The New York Times)

or maybe even move to more anonymous services - unless it helps you better manage your private information. On Thursday, the company announced that it would give a privacy checklist to every one of its 1.28 billion users worldwide. Facebook, which is based in Menlo Park, California, will also change how it treats new users by initially setting their posts to be seen only by friends. Previously, those posts were accessible to anyone. And it will explain to both current and new users that setting their privacy to

sonal information has been shared. For most of its 10-year history, Facebook has pushed and sometimes forced its users to share more information more publicly, drawing fire from customers, regulators and privacy advocates across the globe. That helped make Facebook the world's largest social network and an advertising behemoth. But the company recently concluded that its growth depended on customers' feeling more confident that they were sharing in-

Facebook. Zuckerberg has also watched the rapid growth of privacy-friendly services like WhatsApp and Snapchat and anonymous sharing apps like Secret and Whisper, which compete for the time of many Facebook users, especially the younger ones. That prompted him to strike a deal this year to buy WhatsApp for as much as \$19 billion and take steps to make the Facebook social network more respectful of user privacy. "Private communication has always been an im-

1,002 U.S. adults in July by the Pew Research Center. Facebook is also feeling enormous pressure from privacy regulators around the world, said Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, an advocacy group. "If they don't make these changes, they're going to be sanctioned," he said. The Federal Trade Commission found in 2011 that Facebook misled users about how widely their data was shared and the company agreed to stricter commission oversight for

On Ukraine:

Amid violence, Putin promises to respect election

LAURA MILLS
PETER LEONARD
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

— President Vladimir Putin pledged Friday that Russia will respect the results of Ukraine's presidential election, a strong indication the Kremlin wants to cool down the crisis. But new violence and rebel vows to block the balloting made prospects for peace appear distant.

New clashes were reported between pro-Russia separatists and government forces in eastern Ukraine as Kiev continued an offensive to try to halt the uprising.

Associated Press reporters saw two dead Ukrainian soldiers near the village of Karlivka, and another body near a rebel checkpoint, both in the Donetsk region. A rebel leader said 16 more people died Friday in fighting there — 10 soldiers, four rebels and two civilians — but there was no immediate way to verify his statement.

In Kiev, the Defense Ministry said 20 insurgents were

killed in an attack on a convoy of government troops Thursday by about 500 rebels, the largest insurgent assault yet reported.

populated region would have gone unreported for more than a day. The ministry also said one soldier was killed Friday near the

in the deadliest raid yet on Ukrainian troops.

Ukraine's caretaker president urged all voters to take part in Sunday's cru-

place in the east, where rebels who declared the Donetsk and Luhansk regions independent have vowed to block what they call an election for the leader of a foreign country.

Authorities in Kiev had hoped that a new president would unify the divided nation, whose western regions look toward Europe and the east has strong traditional ties to Russia. But they have now acknowledged it will be impossible to hold the vote in some areas in the east — especially in Donetsk and Luhansk. Election workers and activists say gunmen there have threatened them and seized their voting rolls and stamps.

Kiev and Western countries allege Russia is fomenting the unrest, possibly with the aim of justifying an invasion. Russia denies it, but it is showing signs of wanting the crisis to settle down. Moscow has been hit by U.S. and European sanctions after it annexed Crimea from Ukraine in March. □



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a plenary session of the St. Petersburg International Investment Forum Friday, May 23, 2014. Putin said Friday at an investment forum that Russia will "respect the choice of the Ukrainian people." He said that Russia wants peace and order to be restored in Ukraine. (AP Photo/ Mikhail Klimentyev)

The clash could not be independently confirmed and it was unclear why such a large attack in a

same area.

On Thursday, 16 troops were killed near the separatist stronghold of Donetsk

cial ballot to "cement the foundation of our nation." Yet it was uncertain whether any voting could take

Gunmen stage attack on Indian Consulate in west Afghanistan

AMIR SHAH
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

Gunmen armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades attacked an Indian Consulate in western Afghanistan on Friday, though its diplomatic staff escaped unharmed, police said.

At least three gunmen opened fire on the consulate from a nearby building in Herat, provincial police chief Abdul Sami Qatra said. Qatra said police and soldiers killed three assailants in a gunbattle that saw the building catch fire as authorities evacuated neighbors.

Syed Akbaruddin, a spokesman for India's Ministry of External Affairs, said a deployment of the paramilitary Indo-Tibetan Border Police at the consulate held off the assault until Afghan forces arrived. He

said all the Indians at the consulate were safe.

"Our consulate and our diplomatic presence in Afghanistan have been under threat," Akbaruddin told TimesNow TV, without elaborating.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. However, a group called Ansar al-Tawhid that appears to be based in Afghanistan posted a video online May 17 that threatened India, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist websites.

Herat lies near Afghanistan's border with Iran and is considered one of the safer cities in the country. In September 2013, Taliban gunmen launched a similar assault on the U.S. Consulate in the city, killing at least four Afghans but failing to enter the compound or hurt any Americans. □



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Political leaders in Thailand submit to military takeover

THOMAS FULLER

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BANGKOK - Leading members of Thailand's largest political party surrendered themselves to the military Friday, a day after the head of the army overthrew the country's elected government.

Former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her close associates were among approximately 150 people who had been summoned. Yingluck arrived at a military facility around noon.

But there were also early signs of defiance toward the military takeover, which was Thailand's second coup in a decade. Small groups of people opposed to the coup gathered around Bangkok and the northern city of Chiang Mai, displaying signs critical of the military. Some symbolically taped their mouths shut.

Several hundred people gathered in Bangkok's main shopping district and confronted a line of heavily armed soldiers. "Get out, dictators!" the crowd chanted. The protest was

organized through Facebook.

"The anticoup protests have begun," shouted one man.

The dissent underlined what appears to be a difference with the previous coup in 2006, when opposition to the military coalesced more slowly.

One prominent member of the movement supporting the deposed government, Sombat Boonngamanong, wrote in a Facebook message that he would defy a military summons. "Catch me if you can," he titled his post.

"I don't accept the power of the coup makers," he wrote, urging Thais to "join the resistance."

Thai history is strewn with military interventions, but analysts said this was among the most contentious and risky. The governing party, founded by Yingluck's brother, Thaksin Shinawatra, is well organized and has vowed to fight for electoral democracy.

Yet as with the coup in 2006, there were many Thais who said they were grateful toward the military.

They blamed politicians for six months of deadlock that led to the coup. "It's time to clean this country up," read a comment by someone who identified

which soon filled up with a wide range of opinions. Another comment described the coup as futile because the governing party would win elections

from power five times, three times by the courts. The junta announced severe restrictions on the media in the hours after Thursday's coup, barring the



Soldiers stand near a large poster of Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej on a street after it was cleared of demonstrators who had set up camp there, near the Government House in Bangkok, May 23, 2014. Leading members of Thailand's largest political party surrendered themselves to the military Friday, a day after the head of the army overthrew the country's elected government.

(Adam Ferguson/The New York Times)

himself as Chaiwat Kongpradit. "Hooray! Our hearts are with the Thai military." The comment was posted on a Facebook page established by the junta and

again once democracy returns to the country. Thaksin's political movement has won every election since 2001 but its leaders have been removed

dissemination of "secret" information or anything that could lead to "confusion, provocation, agitation or create conflict or division." □

Hague Court: Congoese warlord sentenced to 12 years

MARLISE SIMONS

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PARIS - The International Criminal Court in The Hague sentenced a Congoese militia leader, Germain Katanga, to 12 years in prison Friday for his role in the attack on a village in 2003 where, within hours, more than 200 civilians were shot or hacked to death, limb by limb. The court had earlier convicted him of aiding and abetting murder and pillage in the village, Bogoro, in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, in 2003. But he was acquitted of charges of rape and the use of child soldiers.

Reading out the sentence, streamed on the court's website, the presiding judge, Bruno Cotte, said Katanga had procured the weapons for the attack, including machetes and guns, but that there was no proof that he had been involved in the kill-

ings. The judge said the militia group he commanded had intended to wipe the village off the map and had carved up its victims. He was convicted in March by a 2-1 vote, but in their sentencing the judges gave him credit for helping to demobilize child soldiers. Rights groups welcomed the sentence, asserting that it at least provided some degree of accountability for unspeakable crimes that have been committed with near impunity in the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the world's most chronic conflict zones.

Géraldine Mattioli-Zeltner, the advocacy director of the international justice program at Human Rights Watch, said in an email from the Ituri region of that country that the sentence offered "a measure of justice for victims of atrocities in Ituri that too often go unpun-

ished. Other armed group commanders preying on the Congoese population should take notice."

Katanga is just the second person to be convicted in the decade since the court's work began. The first was Thomas Lubanga, an adversary of Katanga in the fighting between militia groups in the Ituri region. Lubanga is serving 14 years for using child soldiers.

The two cases took years to prosecute and were punctuated by stops and starts and uncertain evidence from witnesses. Lawyers following the court said this reflected shortcomings of the prosecution, but also the difficulty of producing credible investigations of bush wars in remote regions where access is difficult, the fighting is done by irregular mercenaries - sometimes children - and witnesses fear retaliation. □



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North Korean shelling likely a warning only

HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's artillery shelling near a South Korean warship patrolling disputed waters was likely a warning, not an attack attempt, Seoul officials and analysts said Friday.

On Thursday, the two Koreas exchanged artillery fire along the poorly marked western sea boundary. South Korean officials say the exchange started after two North Korean artillery shells fell in waters near a South Korean navy ship on a routine patrol of the area.

The South Korean ship wasn't hit but fired several artillery rounds into waters near one of several North Korean warships near the sea boundary, South Korean defense officials said. The North Korean ship also wasn't hit.

The North doesn't recognize the Yellow Sea boundary, which was unilaterally drawn by the U.S.-led U.N. Command at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said Friday that South Korean officials suspect the North Korean shells came from a land-based artillery system, but they haven't officially pinpointed the origin. Defense officials had said Thursday that the North's shelling came from a warship.

Kim said officials believe North Korea didn't aim to attack the South Korean navy ship because the North only fired two rounds. The North Korean ships in the area also didn't leave the area after the North fired shells. □

Vietnamese woman self-immolates to protest China

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A 67-year-old Vietnamese woman died after setting herself on fire in downtown Ho Chi Minh City on Friday in protest against China's deployment of an oil rig in waters claimed by Hanoi, state media reported.

The woman self-immolated in front Reunification Palace around 6 a.m., ThanhNien newspaper reported.

The paper quoted Le Truong HaiHieu, a top city official, as saying police recovered a plastic container thought to contain fuel, a lighter and seven handwritten banners saying among other things: "Demand unity to smash the Chinese invasion plot" and "Support Vietnamese coast guards and fishermen."

China's deployment of the rig on May 1 in the South China Sea triggered fury in Vietnam,

which has been feuding with China for years over overlapping claims in the potentially oil and gas-rich seas. Ships Hanoi sent to confront the rigs are now facing off against Chinese



Vietnamese protesters stage a rally against Beijing's deployment of an oil rig in the contested waters of the South China Sea, outside the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam. A 67-year-old Vietnamese woman died after setting herself on fire in downtown Ho Chi Minh City on Friday, May 23 in protest against the oil rig deployment, state media reported. The woman self-immolated in front Reunification Palace around 6 a.m., ThanhNien newspaper reported.

(AP Photo/Chris Brummitt)

vessels protecting it. Street protests also occurred, but Vietnam's authoritarian government clamped down on them after they morphed into anti-Chinese riots that left three Chinese

national dead and damaged scores of foreign-owned factories. News of the self-immolation spread quickly on the Internet. ThanhNien ran a cell phone clip purportedly showing the incident and

motor cyclists looking on. The paper said the woman came to the palace by taxi and set herself on fire before guards there could react.

By the time they did, her injuries were fatal. □

China mine tycoon sentenced to death in gang case

BEIJING (AP) — A former Chinese mining tycoon was sentenced to death Friday for leading a crime gang that killed rivals, a state news agency reported, in a case that revealed ties between organized crime and politicians.

Liu Han had been chairman of energy conglomerate Sichuan Hanlong Group in the southwestern province of Sichuan, which owns stakes in Australian and U.S. mines. He disappeared in March 2013, temporarily disrupting deals to finance

mine development in Nevada and Australia, before police announced he had been detained.

The death sentences for Liu Han and his brother Liu Wei were the first in trials of their 36-member gang by a court in the central province of Hubei, the Xinhua News Agency said.

The penalties come amid an anti-corruption crackdown launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping that has ensnared senior politicians and influential businessmen.

Many of the Sichuan cases are believed to be linked to Zhou Yongkang, a former member of the Communist Party's Standing Committee, the country's ruling inner circle.

He is believed to be a target of the wide-ranging graft investigation. Zhou's son, Zhou Bin, was a business partner of Liu Han, according to Caixin, a leading business magazine, and other Chinese media. On Friday afternoon, state television aired a 50-minute report about the sentenc-

ing with rare footage from the courtroom. A tearful Liu Han was shown apologizing to the court.

The Liu brothers and their associates have been charged with 15 crimes, including murder, assault, illegal detention, blackmail and operating casinos. Prosecutors say their criminal activities, dating to 1993, helped them amass 40 billion yuan (\$6.4 billion) in assets with businesses in finance, energy, real estate and mining, Xinhua has said. □

Venezuela blames World Cup for airline cutbacks

JORGE RUEDA

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Blame it on the World Cup. That's what Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is doing to explain why airlines are slashing flights to the crisis-plagued South American nation.

Alitalia and Panama's Copa Airlines this month became the latest carriers to cut flights to Caracas over the socialist government's refusal to allow them to repatriate proceeds from ticket sales inside Venezuela. Foreign airlines say they have the equivalent of \$4 billion trapped in the country when sales are converted at the official exchange rate of 6.3 bolivars per U.S. dollar.

Maduro, who previously has threatened to punish airlines that leave the country, said Thursday that "bourgeois" news media opposed to his government are spreading lies about airlines' reasons for suspending flights.

Echoing comments a day earlier by Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez, Maduro said carriers aren't abandoning Venezuela but rather are temporarily adjusting flight schedules to meet demand for flights to carry soccer fans to Brazil for the World Cup tournament beginning next month.

"Some European airlines have reprogrammed their flights during the World Cup," Maduro said on state television from an airport in the state of Apure, where

that have reduced flights to Venezuela in recent months, citing the repatriation problems spurred by a shortage of U.S. dollars. Several U.S. carriers have

ceutical companies and carmakers are also having difficulty obtaining dollars from the government's tightly managed currency system, leading to shortages



A woman stands outside a closed United Airlines office in Caracas, Venezuela. Alitalia and Panama's Copa Airlines this May 2014, became the latest carriers to cut flights to Caracas over the socialist government's refusal to allow them to repatriate proceeds from ticket sales inside Venezuela. Foreign airlines say they have the equivalent of \$4 billion trapped in the country when sales are converted at the official exchange rate of 6.3 bolivars per U.S. dollar.

(AP Photo/Alejandro Cegarra)

he was inaugurating a new domestic air connection with the capital. "They're diverting flights to Brazil."

Air Canada, TAP of Portugal and Avianca of Colombia are among other airlines

restricted ticket sales, making it difficult to find seats on remaining flights out of the country.

It's not just airlines facing problems in Venezuela. Food processors, pharma-

es of everything from toilet paper to car parts. The supply restrictions are putting pressure on prices, which have skyrocketed more than 50 percent over the past year. □

Court halts controversial Bahamas dredging project

ALISON LOWE

Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)

— A court ordered a resort company on Friday to stop dredging off the Bahamian islands of Bimini, granting at least a temporary victory to critics who say the project is damaging the delicate underwater environment in a prized diving and sport fishing destination.

The London-based Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the ultimate court of appeal for commonwealth countries, said Resorts World Bimini must stop the dredging off North Bimini until the company can show it has the environmental permits required

under Bahamian law.

The Bimini Blue Coalition, a local group that opposes the dredging, said Resorts World Bimini, a subsidiary of Malaysia-based casino company Genting Group, had skirted sufficient environmental review and permitting with the Bahamian national government's blessing.

"The Bimini Blue Coalition is ecstatic that the rule of law has prevailed," said Fred Smith, a lawyer for the environmental group. "I think this is a watershed moment in the Bahamas. It is a signal to the government that you must respect the local people."

Resorts World spokeswoman Heather Krasnow

said dredging has been stopped but that the company expects to resume.

"We have all permits in hand and will provide the necessary documentation to lift the injunction expeditiously," Krasnow said.

The injunction is the latest setback for a resort project that has been criticized as out-of-scale for tiny Bimini, a rustic cluster of islands 50 miles east of Florida.

Resorts World Bimini began dredging earlier this month in the clear-blue waters off the 700-acre resort site to build a terminal and pier for its Miami-based cruise ship. Without the pier, the company has been forced to drop anchor and take visitors to shore in smaller ves-

sels. That has limited how many people it can take to the resort and the amount of time visitors can spend there.

Resorts World had previously announced that the pier would be complete in November. A 350-room hotel that was to open by last Christmas is now scheduled to be completed by this year's end.

People in Bimini have expressed mixed feelings about the project, welcoming the economic development but leery of a resort that the company said would employ more people than the full-time population of about 1,600 people. □

AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

Dominican Republic president Medina signs citizenship law

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The president of the Dominican Republic has signed a law creating a path to citizenship for people of Haitian descent born in the Caribbean country. The government now has 60 days to create the system and determine how the civil registry office will validate birth certificates for those seeking citizenship. Legislators approved the law following an international outcry over a September court ruling stating that people born in the Dominican Republic to illegal migrants were not automatically entitled to citizenship, basically rendering thousands of people stateless. Human rights groups say the new law doesn't go far enough, noting it only applies to those who are registered with the government. President Danilo Medina signed the law on Friday.

Jamaica taxi driver convicted of killing a Trinidad woman

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— A taxi driver in Jamaica has been found guilty of killing the daughter of a Trinidad & Tobago Cabinet minister. Michelle Coudray-Greaves was reported missing in June in the northern Jamaican city of Montego Bay, where she was a high school teacher. Her badly burned body was discovered in a cane field and an autopsy found she was killed by blows from a blunt object. Jamaican police charged taxi driver Ivan Taylor with her slaying. On Thursday, a jury found Taylor guilty of the crime. The trial lasted for just over two weeks. He is due to be sentenced in July. The 39-year-old victim was the eldest daughter of Marlene Coudray, a senator who is also Trinidad's minister of gender, youth and child development. □



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ORANJESTAD – Off to a hot start, the Soul Beach Music Festival 2014 continues this weekend with more cool events throughout the daytime Saturday and Sunday, and culminates both nights with highly anticipated Soul Beach Main Stage Concerts hosted by Chris Spencer from 7pm to 11pm at the Soul Beach Amphitheater, adjacent to Reflexions Club in Oranjestad.

Saturday night's artists include Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, Ashanti, and 'N Fusion, and Sunday night's artists include Robin Thicke, SWV, and Mystical Connection. (*No cameras will be allowed into concert venues.)

Both evenings close with steamy Nightclub Parties scheduled from 11pm - 3am at Reflexions Club in Oranjestad, featuring MC Lyte of Los Angeles & DJ Outkast of St. Maarten. Entry Fee starts at \$20 at the door.

Other events scheduled for this weekend include:

SATURDAY MAY 24:

--Soul Beach Daytime



Event

11am - 3pm (No Entry Fee)
MooMba Beach Party (Palm Beach)
Featuring: DJ Sidekick (Los Angeles)

--Frank Ski's Cigar & Cocktail Hour
4pm - 6pm (No Entry Fee)
Nos Clubhouse (next to MooMba Beach - Palm Beach)
Featuring: Frank Ski (WHUR - Wash, DC)

SUNDAY MAY 25:

--Soul Beach Daytime Event
10am - 3pm (No Entry Fee)
Location: Baby Beach (San Nicolas)
See DePalm Tours Desks for transportation info.
Featuring: DJ Sidekick (Los

Angeles)

MONDAY MAY 26:

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Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino Appoints New Casino Marketing & Services Director and Casino Marketing Manager



Yazira Feliciano, Casino Marketing Manager, with Ben Figaroa, Casino GM.

PALM BEACH, ARUBA – June 2014 – Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino is proud to announce the promotion of Adolf Everon and Yazira Feliciano, who both bring over a decade of experience in the casino

industry. Adolf joined the Aruba Marriott 18 years ago where he was a charter team member of the casino and opened the cage department as Cage Manager. After leading the cage for

several years he was promoted to Credit & Collection Manager. In 2001 he took on a new challenge in his career and moved to marketing where he has been instrumental for the growth of the casino as the

Casino Marketing Manager over the last 13 years. In his new role as Casino Marketing & Services Director, Adolf assumes additional responsibilities taking

Yazira started with the Marriott family in 2004 where she was hired as Casino Credit & Reservations Co-ordinator.

Within 6 months she was promoted to Casino Executive Hostess where she was responsible for effective execution of promotions, VIP service delivery and assisting the marketing team when needed.

In 2009 Yazira was promoted to Casino Marketing & Services Supervisor, which is the position she held until recently. She excelled as the marketing specialist where she supported key revenue generation initiatives and implemented effective promotions that lead to record highs of player acquisition into the loyalty program.

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casino. The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino wishes Adolf and Yazira the best of luck in their roles of Casino Marketing & Services Director and Casino Marketing Manager. □

Gold Coast BBQ Success with North American Journalists



MALMOK – Last week Friday, Gold Coast organized a successful BBQ to welcome a range of highly respected journalists from the US. The different journalists represented are employed in all facets of journalism. From famous magazine's like O, The Oprah Magazine, Men's Journal, Maxim, Canadian Family and Women's Adventure, to famous blogger and journalist Lee Abbamonte with over 100.000 followers on social media. The journalists were accompanied by Aruba Tourism Authority representative Paula Ochoa and Bethany Swanson of The Zimmerman Agency, who had invited the journalist for a 3 day tour around our beautiful island with several significant Aruban experiences.

With most of the heat of the day fading, and the cool afternoon breeze setting in, the guests were wel-

comed with a refreshing drink. After which they continued a tour through all of Gold Coast Aruba's beautiful community homes, ranging from a private villa to quant town homes. In several of these rental homes, the journalists were surprised by the many services Gold Coast offers to their guests like private in-house massages, spa treatment, private chef, dancing lessons and much more. After the tour, the journalists made their way back to the pool and delicious smells of fresh barbeque. While everyone enjoyed dinner, love music was played in the background. The event was a great success, putting not only Gold Coast, but the beautiful island of Aruba on the map. Aruba is one of the most popular destinations for North American tourist, re-established by the journalists enjoying a 3 day stay on the island. □



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SPORTS

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In this May 19, 2012 file photo, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, left, and his wife Shelly watch the second half in Game 3 of an NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference semifinal against the San Antonio Spurs in Los Angeles. Associated Press

AP Source: Sterling surrendering Clippers control

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donald Sterling is turning his ownership stake in the Los Angeles Clippers over to his estranged wife, and she is in talks with the NBA to sell the team, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Friday.

The individual, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the deal, said the couple reached the agreement after weeks of discussion.

"Donald Sterling is out, and there will be new owners," the individual told the AP. Neither Shelly Sterling nor her attorney had any comment Friday. They have been in talks with NBA lawyers for the last couple weeks. "She wants to be able to say, 'I'm selling the team, not the NBA is selling the team,' and have meaningful control over that transaction," the individual told the AP.

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Puig holds up a diving catch



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Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Matt Kemp (27) leaps over right fielder Yasiel Puig (66) as Puig holds up a diving catch on a ball hit by New York Mets' Wilmer Flores during the second inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 22, 2014, in New York. Associated Press

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Bad blood in Martinez-Cotto matchup

NEW YORK (AP) — The upcoming fight between Miguel Cotto and Sergio Martinez does not need hype.

These fighters don't like each other and the pre-fight banter this week is just stirring up the bad blood between them.

Cotto and Martinez held conference calls Thursday to discuss their June 7 world middleweight championship fight at Madison Square Garden.

"The judges are not going to have to do that much work on (that night) because this fight is definitely not going the distance," said Martinez, the WBC champion.

Due to an injury, Martinez (51-2-2) hasn't fought since defeating Martin Murray on April 27, 2013. Through an interpreter, Martinez said he "hasn't felt this good in a long time."

That's physically. Emotionally, he holds plenty of animosity for Cotto (39-4).

According to promoter Lou

DiBella, the Martinez camp had to make "concessions" to Cotto in order to get the fight signed.

"This was not an easy negotiation," DiBella said. "We had to swallow some stuff we didn't want to swallow."

According to DiBella, those concessions included the fight being contested at 159 pounds; having to surrender top billing; and the photo placement of Martinez on the fight poster.

DiBella noted that Cotto was in the room when the demands were made, and believes the fighter was the driving force behind the "annoying" allowances. DiBella then stressed that Martinez is "fixated on giving Cotto a beating at Madison Square Garden."

"The reality is this is a huge fight," DiBella said. "This is in the biggest arena, the most famous arena in the world. It's against the most proven pay-per-view fighter he's ever fought, the biggest name fighter he's

ever fought. So in terms of Sergio's legacy, I'm not going to pretend: This fight is huge."

Not solely for Martinez. Should Cotto win, he will become a world champion in four weight classes. Previously, Cotto was the WBA super welterweight champion, the WBO welterweight belt holder, and the WBO light welterweight champ.

"We're going to win this fight," Cotto said. "I know what I'm capable of June



Miguel Cotto and Sergio Martinez pose with the WBC belt during a press conference in Chase Square at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2014 in New York City. Cotto and Martinez will square off at Madison Square Garden on June 7, 2014. Associated Press

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Galchenyuk nets OT goal, Canadiens beat Rangers

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Galchenyuk tipped in a pass at the right post 1:12 into overtime as the Montreal Canadiens overcame a late equalizer to beat the New York Rangers 3-2 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals Thursday.

Montreal cut New York's series lead to 2-1, and can level it Sunday night at Madison Square Garden before heading home for Game 5.

Galchenyuk, playing only his second game of these playoffs after returning from an injury Monday, deflected a feed from Tomas Plekanec to win it.

The Rangers tied it with 28.1 seconds left in regulation



In this May 22, 2014 file photo, New York Rangers center Derek Stepan (21) lies on the ice after taking a hit from Montreal Canadiens forward Brandon Prust during the first period of Game 3 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Eastern Conference finals in New York.

Associated Press

on Chris Kreider's goal. Dustin Tokarski was sharp throughout in his second NHL playoff game in place of injured goalie Carey Price, making 35 saves. New York had its five-game winning streak snapped, and its run of six straight victories over the Canadiens also ended. The Rangers fell to 1-1 in overtime in these playoffs. The Canadiens are 3-1. Montreal was poised to win it in regulation after Danny Briere scored with 3:02 left in the third, but Kreider matched him when his shot hit the sliding right skate of Canadiens defenseman Alexei Emelin in the crease and caromed past Tokarski, who thrust his head upward in disgust as Madison Square Garden shook. Tokarski was playing in his second straight game because of a series-ending injury sustained by Price, who was barreled into by Kreider in Game 1. Briere's goal was also aided by an opposing defenseman, as Ryan McDonagh nudged the puck past goalie Henrik Lundqvist. Canadiens defenseman

Andrei Markov tied it at 1 for the Canadiens in the second period after Carl Hagelin staked New York to the lead in the first. Tokarski, in his second career playoff game, was sharp throughout. He protected the lead with 55 seconds left, denying Martin St. Louis' drive from the right side with a lunging save, but couldn't close it out then. He stopped 27 shots in a 3-1 loss on Monday in Game 2. Lundqvist made 22 saves, but couldn't pull out this win. The Rangers grabbed the lead in the first period that featured only one goal but hardly lacked for action. By the time Hagelin put New York in front with a batted shot, there had already been one injury as the result of a questionable open-ice hit by Brandon Prust, and an ejection after Daniel Carcillo sought revenge on Prust — a former Rangers fan favorite — for his earlier leveling of Derek Stepan. Prust landed a blindsided shot to Stepan's chest with his shoulder just 4:48 in, knocking down Stepan. □

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Rangers rout Tigers 9-2

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Choo Shin-soo homered and Chris Gimenez had four hits as the Texas Rangers rolled to a 9-2 victory over the slumping Detroit Tigers on Thursday.

Texas was without Prince Fielder, who stayed home when the Rangers left for Detroit to face the big first baseman's former team. Fielder has been out because of a herniated disk in his neck. Yu Darvish (4-2) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out six and walking three. The Rangers broke through quickly against Detroit rookie Robbie Ray (1-1), who lasted only 3 1-3 innings. Ray allowed seven runs, nine hits and four walks, and the AL Central-leading Tigers lost their fourth straight.

Ian Kinsler, who was traded to Detroit for Fielder in an offseason blockbuster, went 1 for 3 in his first game against the Rangers.

BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 2

BOSTON (AP) — Mark Buehrle won his major league-leading eighth game, and Melky Cabrera and Jose Bautista homered on consecutive

pitches as Toronto completed a three-game sweep. Toronto improved to 8-2 in its last 10 games, while Boston lost its seventh straight. The Red Sox went 0-6 on their home stand, the first time since June 1994, when they also lost six in a row at Fenway Park, that they were winless on a homestand of at least six games. Buehrle (8-1) allowed two runs in the first two innings and left after giving up seven hits and no walks with five strikeouts in seven innings. He retired 11 of his last 12 batters.

RAYS 5, ATHLETICS 2, 11 innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Sean Rodriguez hit a three-run home run with two out in the 11th inning to lift Tampa Bay.

Rodriguez's team-leading fifth homer came off Luke Gregerson after Desmond Jennings' two-out single had tied it against Dan Otero (4-1).

Yeonis Cespedes' sacrifice fly had given the A's a 2-1 lead in the top of the 11th after tying the game with an RBI double in the ninth of Rays closer Grant Balfour.



Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo is greeted in the dugout after scoring on a double by Adrian Beltre during the third inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit, Thursday, May 22, 2014. Choo homered, Chris Gimenez had four hits and the Rangers rolled to a 9-2 victory over the Tigers.

Associated Press

Josh Lueke (1-2) got the win after one inning of relief for the Rays, who broke a four-game losing streak.

The Athletics lost for only the second time in 13 games. INDIANS 8, ORIOLES 7, 13 innings

BALTIMORE (AP) — Carlos Santana doubled in two runs with two outs in the 13th inning as Cleveland won its second straight 13-inning game and fourth straight overall.

Ryan Rayburn and Lonnie Chisenhall homered for the Indians, whose winning streak ties a season high. Three of Cleveland's

last four games have gone extra innings, including a 13-inning win over Detroit on Wednesday night.

After two hits and a walk loaded the bases in the 13th, Santana came to plate against Troy Patton (0-1) with a .148 batting average. He pulled a sharp grounder inside the third-base line, only his third hit in 32 at-bats with two outs and runners on.

Josh Outman (4-0) pitched two scoreless innings and Scott Atchison got three outs for his first save.

WHITE SOX 3, YANKEES 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Chris

Sale retired 18 of 19 batters over six scoreless innings in his return from an arm injury for Chicago.

The left-hander retired the first 17 hitters after missing more than a month because of a flexor strain in his pitching arm, and Chicago hung on after Mark Teixeira singled in two runs against Ronald Belisario in the ninth. An All-Star the past two seasons, Sale (4-0) struck out 10 and didn't even come close to allowing a runner until Zoilo Almonte — a .167 hitter entering the game — lined a single to center with two out in the sixth. □

Canola wins 13th Giro stage; Uran retains lead

RIVAROLO CANAVESE, Italy

(AP) — Marco Canola of Italy won the 13th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Friday for his first victory in a Grand Tour, while Colombian Rigoberto Uran retained the overall lead.

Canola edged out Jackson Rodriguez and Angelo Tulik in a sprint at the end of the mainly flat, 158-kilometer (98-mile) leg from Fossano to Rivarolo Canavese. The trio had been part of an early break and the peloton left it too late to catch them on the final circuit in Rivarolo Canavese.

"It's a massive surprise and a special win for me," Canola said. "Sometimes in life you get unexpected

opportunities and today is the best day of my sporting career so far.

"I hope it's the first of many."

Uran finished in the main group, 11 seconds behind Canola, to maintain his 37-second lead over Cadel Evans.

"There is never an easy day in the Giro, it was still a dangerous stage. The only easy days are the rest days," Uran said.

"We didn't want to take any risks today so we rode at the front all day, but we were not riding to control the breakaway."

Rafal Majka was third overall, 1:52 behind Uran.

The breakaway group es-

caped almost immediately and was formed of Canola, Rodriguez and Tulik, along with Jeffry Johan Romero, Gert Dockx and Maxim Belkov.

The six escapees had a lead of more than three minutes but that had dropped to 2:16 at the top of the category-four climb with 30K (18.6 miles) remaining.

The gap had dropped to less than two minutes as they set off on the first 22K (13.7-mile) lap at the end of the stage.

The weather again played a part as the roads were wet and icy following a hailstorm.

Sprinter Nacer Bouhanni had been targeting a



Marco Canola of Italy, center, wins the 13th stage the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Fossano to Rivarolo Canavese, Italy, Friday, May 23, 2014, in front of Venezuela's Jackson Rodriguez, left, and Angelo Tulik of France.

Associated Press

fourth stage victory in this year's Giro, but with no one seemingly willing to take charge in the peloton, the group was unable to catch

the break.

Romero, Belkov and Dockx were eventually dropped, leaving the remaining three to fight for the win. □

NL Capsules

Marlins top Phils on Yelich's hit in the 9th

The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Christian Yelich hit a two-out, bases-loaded RBI single in the ninth inning Thursday to give the Miami Marlins their fifth walkoff win of the year, 4-3 over the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Marlins won despite squandering a 3-0 eighth-inning lead. They took the series and improved to 19-6 at home, best in majors.

Miami is 6-17 on road, worst in majors.

Philadelphia's Marlon Byrd tied the game in the eighth with a two-run homer, his sixth. Miami's Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run homer, giving him two homers and seven RBIs in the past two games.

Ozuna singled with one out in the ninth off Jake Diekmann (2-2), then took second on a two-out single by Jeff Mathis. Pinch hitter Reid Johnson reached on an infield single to load the bases, and Yelich grounded a single up the middle. Marlins closer Steve Cishek (4-1) struck out two with a runner at second to end the ninth. The Phillies went 1 for 7 with runners in scoring position, with Byrd's



Miami Marlins' Christian Yelich follows through on his game-winning, 4-3, base hit in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Miami, Thursday, May 22, 2014.

homer the lone hit. **CARDINALS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 2**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Allen Craig drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out double in the seventh inning as St. Louis completed a three-game sweep.

The sweep was the first of a

three-game series this season for St. Louis, which has won seven of eight.

Shane Robinson had a two-run double as part of a three-hit night.

Pat Neshek (1-0) pitched scoreless seventh and eighth innings to pick up his first win as a Cardinal.

Trevor Rosenthal retired Arizona in order in the ninth for his 14th save in 16 chances.

Robinson, who was called up from Triple-A Memphis on Wednesday, went 3 for 4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Craig was 2 for 4 and also scored a run.

Arizona's Paul Goldschmidt had an RBI single and Aaron Hill drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Diamondbacks starter Wade Miley (3-5) lasted 6 2-3 innings and allowed three runs and seven hits and four walks with three strikeouts.

METS 5, DODGERS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Jonathan Niese hit an RBI double to provide himself some much-needed run support as the New York Mets took advantage of two Dodgers miscues to end Zack Greinke's remarkable runs-allowed streak to beat Los Angeles.

Juan Lagares had a go-ahead RBI single in the seventh off Chris Perez (0-2) and Niese (3-3) pitched seven sharp innings for New York, which won for just the sixth time in 20 games this month and avoided a three-game sweep.

Rookie Eric Campbell, playing his first career game in left field, doubled Yasiel Puig off second base after making a spectacular diving catch in the eighth to preserve the Mets' lead.

Greinke's stretch of 21 straight starts allowing two or fewer runs ended.

Jenry Mejia pitched the ninth for his second save.

PIRATES 3, NATIONALS 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Edinson Volquez allowed one run in six sharp innings as Pittsburgh edged Washington. Volquez (2-4) ended a three-game losing streak by limiting the Nationals to three hits, walking two and striking out four. Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his eighth save. Andrew McCutchen drove in two runs for the Pirates and made a sliding grab with two on in the ninth to end the game. Josh Harrison added two hits for Pittsburgh.

Ian Desmond hit his eighth homer of the season for the Nationals but Washington left 10 runners on base. Rookie Blake Treinen (0-2) struggled with his command in his second career start, giving up two runs on four hits in 5 2-3 innings, striking out four and walking five. The Nationals have lost three of four.

CUBS 5, PADRES 1

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Anthony Rizzo hit a two-run home run against his old team and Jake Arrieta pitched six strong innings to lead Chicago to a victory against San Diego.

Arrieta (1-0) held San Diego to one run and four hits, struck out seven and walked one. He was activated May 3 after beginning the season on the disabled list with tightness in his right shoulder and came in with a 2.70 ERA in three starts.

San Diego lost its fourth straight game. It was the 15th time in 48 games the Padres scored one or no runs.

The Padres were shut out for the eighth time — most in the majors — on Wednesday night, losing 2-0 to Minnesota.

Sterling

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Donald Sterling was banned for life and fined \$2.5 million by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver after the release of a recording last month in which Sterling made racist remarks involving blacks, which comprise the majority of players in the league. Sterling told female friend V. Stiviano not to bring blacks to Clippers games during a recorded conversation. Sterling specifically mentioned Magic Johnson, and then criticized the NBA Hall of Famer again as a poor role model during a TV interview. Earlier this week, the NBA charged Sterling with damaging the league and its teams with his comments, and said he has engaged in other conduct that has impaired its relationship

with fans and merchandising partners.

Sterling has until next Tuesday to respond to the charge. He has the right to appear at a New York hearing on June 3 in front of the other owners and make a presentation before the league's board of governors votes on terminating his ownership. He is entitled to a lawyer at the hearing, but strict courtroom rules of evidence would not apply.

It will take three-quarters of the owners to terminate Sterling's ownership, and the league says also that of Shelly Sterling.

"She has no plans to sue the NBA," the individual told the AP. "She's trying to make nice."

Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, the board chairman, will preside over the June 3 hearing. If three-fourths of the other 29 owners vote to



In this Nov. 12, 2010 file photo, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald T. Sterling, right, sits with his wife Shelly during the Clippers NBA basketball game against the Detroit Pistons in Los Angeles.

sustain the charge, Sterling will be forced to sell the team he has owned since 1981. Silver has said he is confident he has the 23 votes that are necessary. If Sterling does not respond to the charge within five business days, or does not appear at the hearing, it

would be deemed an admission of the "total validity of the charges as presented," according to the NBA constitution. Donald Sterling's attorney had asked for a three-month delay, which the league rejected. His attorney had no comment Friday.

Visa, MasterCard renew push for chip cards

By BREE FOWLER

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Visa and MasterCard are renewing a push to speed the adoption of microchips into U.S. credit and debit cards in the wake of recent high-profile data breaches, including this week's revelation that hackers stole consumer data from eBay's computer systems.

Card processing companies argue that a move away from the black magnetic strips on the backs of credit cards would eliminate a substantial amount of U.S. credit card fraud. They say it's time to offer U.S. consumers the greater protections microchips provide by joining Canada, Mexico and most of Western Europe in using cards with the more advanced technology.

Chips aren't perfect, says Carolyn Balfany, MasterCard's group head for U.S. product delivery, but the extra barrier they present is one of the reasons criminals often choose to target U.S.-issued cards, whose magnetic strips are easy to replicate.

"Typically, fraudsters are going to go to the path of least resistance," Balfany says.

The chip technology hasn't been adopted in the U.S. because of costs and disputes over how the network would operate. Retailers have long balked at paying for new cash registers and back office systems to handle the new cards. There have been clashes between retailers, card issuers and processors over which processing networks will get access to the new system and whether to stick with a signature-based system or move to one that requires a personal identification number instead. These technical decisions impact how much retailers and customers have to pay - and how much credit card issuers make - each time a card is used.

The disputes have now largely been resolved. And the epic breach of Target's computer systems in December, which involved

the theft of 40 million debit and credit card numbers, along with smaller breaches at companies such as Neiman Marcus and Michaels, helped garner support for chip-based cards among retailers who were previously put off by the costs.

Chip cards are safer, argue supporters, because unlike magnetic strip cards that transfer a credit card number when they are swiped at a point-of-sale terminal, chip cards use a one-time code that moves between the chip and the retailer's register. The result is a transfer of data that is useless to anyone except the parties involved. Chip cards, say experts, are also nearly impossible to copy.

For its part, Target is accelerating its \$100 million plan to roll out chip-based credit card technology in its nearly 1,800 stores. New payment terminals will appear in stores by September, six months ahead of schedule. Last month, the retailer announced that it will team up with MasterCard to issue branded Target payment cards equipped with chip technology early in 2015. The move will make Target the first major U.S. retailer with its own branded chip-based cards.

Even so, the protections chips provide only go so far, according to opponents who note that chips don't prevent fraud in online transactions, where consumers often enter credit card numbers into online forms. Some opponents also point to other technologies, such as point-to-point encryption, as better long-term solutions.

Ken Stasiak, founder and CEO of SecureState, a Cleveland-based information security firm that investigates data breaches, says that while chips would be a big security improvement, they wouldn't have stopped the hackers from breaching Target's computer systems where they also stole the personal information, including names and addresses, of as many as 70 million people, putting them at risk of identity



theft. "Chip and pin is just another security component," Stasiak says. "What matters is how companies like Target use consumer information, how they protect it." Banks generally pick up the tab for credit card-related losses, but companies such as Visa and MasterCard stand to lose too, if data breaches continue to occur with increasing frequency. After all, if consumers don't feel safe using cards, they may choose other ways to pay for purchases.

"It's not just about fraud and losses, it's about the trust involved in electronic payments that's destroyed," says Ellen Ritchey, Visa's chief enterprise risk officer.

In March, Visa and MasterCard announced plans to bring together banks, credit unions, retailers, makers of card processing equipment and industry trade groups in a group that aims to strengthen the U.S. payment system for credit and debit cards. The initial focus of the new group will be on banks' adoption of chip cards.

That comes ahead of a liability shift set to occur in October 2015, when the costs resulting from the theft of debit and credit card numbers will largely fall to the party involved with the least advanced -and most vulnerable- technology. For example, if a bank has updated to chip technology, but the retailer involved

hasn't, the retailer will be liable for the costs.

Stasiak says many of the retailers he works with already have the technology in place. Once the banks start issuing chip cards, the retailers will activate their new systems, he says.

Banks say that despite the jump in high-profile data breaches, fraud still accounts for a small fraction of total transactions processed, while the cost related to issuing chip cards to all of their customers and switching out all of their ATMs is substantial. Banks have urged lawmakers to make retailers more accountable for their own security in hopes of recouping more of the losses from cybercrime. □

Cox plans gigabit Internet speeds in 3 cities

ATLANTA (AP) — Cable company Cox Communications says it plans to boost Internet download speeds to 1 gigabit per second starting in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Omaha, Nebraska, late this year. That is dozens of times faster than typical broadband plans.

The move will bring its service in line with Google's fiber rollout in cities such as Kansas City and Provo,

Utah, and Austin, Texas; and an AT&T rollout in Austin.

Cox also said it plans to add 1 Gbps Internet speed to any new residential construction project in its footprint nationwide in places such as San Diego; Providence, Rhode Island; Orange County, California; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Tucson, Arizona.

It plans to spread the faster rate to the rest of its service

area by the end of 2016.

The company also plans to double the most popular tiers of Internet service for all its customers this year — boosting those with 25 Mbps to 50 Mbps and those with 50 Mbps to 100 Mbps. The two tiers represent 70 percent of all Cox's customers.

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S&P 500 closes above 1,900 for first time

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Stocks are stumbling along this year after a gangbuster 2013.

The upward grind is underscored by the Standard & Poor's 500 index, which closed above 1,900 for the first time on Friday and is up 2.8 percent for the year.

That gain compares with a 16 percent increase over the same period last year.

Other major indexes haven't fared any better. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Nasdaq composite are barely in positive territory for 2014.

The stock market's five-year bull run is pausing. Economic growth has fallen short of expectations, barely expanding in the first quarter after a strong finish to 2013. Investors are being more cautious while they wait for compelling evidence that growth will continue.

Karyn Cavanaugh, senior market strategist at Voya Investment Management, believes that there will be a "spring snapback," in the economy.

Company earnings, already at record levels, will keep climbing and support stock prices. "There are a lot of good things going on in the market," she said.

The S&P 500 rose 8.04 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 1,900.53.

The index first rose above 1,900 during trading on

May 13, but fell back to close below that level.

The Dow climbed 63.19 points, or 0.4 percent, to end at 1,606.27. The Nasdaq rose 31.47 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,185.81.

Investors bid up homebuilder stocks following news that sales of new

percent in April after slumping in the previous two months.

"While it wasn't a stellar number, it was not weak and it helps assuage fears," that the housing recovery is weakening, said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist with Prudential Financial. "It

lower and grain and bean futures were mixed.

Benchmark U.S. crude for July delivery gained 61 cents to \$104.35 a barrel in New York.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline rose 2 cents to \$3.02 a gallon, natural gas rose 5 cents to



Alec Lucas, 11, son of Bruce Lucas, right, Chairman and CEO of Heritage Insurance, rings a ceremonial bell as his father's company begins trading during its IPO, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, May 23, 2014. Based in Clearwater, Fla., Heritage Insurance Holdings, Inc. is a property and casualty insurance holding company.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

U.S. homes increased last month. Lennar rose \$1.55, or 4 percent, to \$40.54. D.R. Horton rose 92 cents, or 4.1 percent, to \$23.57.

The Commerce Department reported that sales of U.S. new homes rose 6.4

really did help set the tone of the market."

Commodities ended little changed in quiet trading Friday ahead of the Memorial Day holiday in the U.S.

Oil edged above \$104 a barrel, metals ended mostly

\$4.41 per 1,000 cubic feet and heating oil was flat at \$2.95 a gallon.

Gold for delivery in June dropped \$3.30 to \$1,291.70 an ounce and July silver slipped 10 cents to \$19.42 an ounce. □

France's Total in shale deal with Russia's Lukoil

PARIS (AP) — French energy company Total SA is hooking up with Russia's largest private oil company to explore and develop a huge Siberian shale oil field, despite Western sanctions and anger over the Kremlin's role in Ukraine's crisis.

The deal signed Friday with Russia's Lukoil draws new attention to French economic ties with Russia, and the French government's reluctance to punish Moscow too heavily.

Total says in a statement that the two will set up a

joint venture to develop the Bazhenov oil formation in western Siberia, believed to hold some of the world's largest shale oil deposits. It says Lukoil will have 51 percent of the venture and Total 49 percent.

The statement gives no value for the deal, which had been under negotiation for months. The ITAR-Tass news agency quotes Lukoil CEO Vagit Alekperov as saying the companies will invest \$120 million to \$150 million. The deal highlights a divide within Europe over how to handle Russia. France and

other European countries with big Russian trade and energy connections have been cautious, while Britain, the United States and Poland have toed a tougher line.

French executives have lobbied their government to go easy on Russia over Ukraine, arguing that long-term investments are at stake, according to officials at two French companies active in Russia.

European companies involved in Russia are already losing money because of economic uncertainty linked to

Ukraine's crisis and the first two rounds of sanctions. The threat of tougher U.S. and EU sanctions looms if Russia tries to derail Ukraine's presidential election Sunday.

French bank Societe Generale had to write down 525 million euros (\$731 million) on its Russian activities in the first quarter. A French ship-building company, meanwhile, is sticking to plans to make two warships for the Russian navy in a deal criticized by France's allies but hailed as a boost for French industry and jobs. □

Unilever to sell Ragu, Bertolli to Mizkan Group

CHAD BRAY
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LONDON - Unilever said this week that it had agreed to sell its North American pasta sauce business under the Ragu and Bertolli brands to the Mizkan Group of Japan for \$2.15 billion.

The deal represents the latest step in efforts by Unilever, a British-Dutch company, to focus on higher-margin personal care products, particularly in emerging markets.

In April, Unilever, whose brands include Vaseline skin care products, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and Lipton tea, announced it was conducting a strategic review of its North American pasta sauce business and of its Slim-Fast weight-loss brand.

"This sale represents one of the final steps in reshaping our portfolio in North America to deliver sustainable growth for Unilever, and enables us to sharpen our focus within our foods business," KeesKruythoff, the president of Unilever North America, said in a statement.

"The Ragu and Bertolli business leads the pasta sauce category in the United States, and we believe that the potential of both brands can be fully realized with Mizkan."

Ragu and Bertolli have annual revenue of more than \$600 million, Unilever said.

The transaction, which is subject to regulatory approval, is expected to close by the end of June.

Unilever has been reshaping its portfolio of brands, selling its Wish-Bone salad dressing and Skippy peanut butter brands last year. The deal is the latest acquisition for Mizkan, the 210-year-old privately held maker of vinegar, seasonings, cooking wine, dressings and other condiments. Mizkan acquired Border Foods, a processor of jalapeño peppers, in 2011, and the British food brands Sarson's, Haywards and Dufrais last year. □

Sony says shake-up is pointing to profit

HIROKO TABUCHI

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Sony's chief executive vowed this week to bring the electronics and entertainment company back to operating profit next year, but he offered few new strategies to put an end to the struggles that have fueled calls for its breakup.

Sony, the maker of PlayStation game consoles and Bravia televisions, expects its sixth annual loss in seven years this year. The company has been hurt by mounting reorganization costs and is slashing about 5,000 jobs.

Still, that reorganization -

businesses, he said, along with continued strength in music, movies and banking, and forays into medical technology.

"We will not postpone this structural reorganization," he said.

The company expects a net loss of 50 billion yen in the current fiscal year, which ends in March. In the last fiscal year, it lost 128 billion yen.

Analysts and investors have said that Sony needs to go much further to reverse its fortunes. The company has angered investors by repeatedly setting bullish targets and missing them.

The billionaire hedge fund

shown that he might be willing to go further than his predecessors to reduce Sony's sprawling operations. He said in February that the struggling Vaio personal computer line would be sold off, in the company's first exit from a major consumer product area.

A big drag on Sony's bottom line is its television business, which has been battered by less expensive offerings from South Korean rivals like Samsung and LG. But Hirai has been loath to pull the plug on televisions, which were central to Sony's ascendance as a brand.

"We are not thinking about

Hit by rivals, HP to cut jobs

QUENTIN HARDY

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Meg Whitman, the chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, has said that it will take a long time to get the company on the right course. The quarterly results released this week underlined that a recovery was still in the distance.

Whitman also said she would lay off 11,000 to 16,000 employees at the company, in addition to the 34,000 jobs it already said would be cut. At the end of 2013, HP employed about 317,500 people globally.

"The longer we're here," Whitman, who became chief executive in September 2011, said in an interview after the earnings release, "the more we realize about the business processes. It's the normal course of business; it's never easy."

HP, until recently the world's largest technology company in terms of revenue, has been battered by deep changes in both consumer and business behavior. Sales of personal computers, its largest area of business, have been hurt in recent years by competition from tablets and smartphones. The PCs people do buy are replaced less often. Instead of buying the company's computer servers and data storage, businesses increasingly rent computing via large cloud systems. Consumers and businesses, likewise, are storing more documents and photos in the cloud.

Overall, the company reported revenue of \$27.3 billion, down slightly from a year earlier, and net earnings of \$1.3 billion, or 66 cents a share, up from \$1.1 billion. The earnings met the expectations of analysts, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters, although revenue was about \$100 million below expectations. Nonetheless, the stock fell about 3 percent from the time the earnings were inadvertently released, shortly before the close of Thursday's trading, through after-hours trading.

"The market has given them credit for what they've done, but the company still has work to do to improve," said Bill Kreher, an analyst with Edward Jones. "Software will be the leading category in tech, and they don't have much of a presence." Revenue was lower in three of HP's product groups, including printing, business hardware and business services. Only PCs, which includes laptops, had higher revenue compared with a year earlier. A smaller fifth business, software, was basically flat.

Whitman appeared to feel some urgency about the spotty performance. PCs, she said, "won't hold up all of HP." That business recovered, she noted, because of a long-delayed upgrade of Microsoft's computer operating system, which pushed many companies to buy new machines. "We expect PCs to decline over the next three years," she said, and added, "We expect to have a greater share of the market." For the company to recover significantly, however, HP must create businesses in tune with the times. While HP's tablets were "making headway," she said, "the highlight was desktops and notebooks." Sales of printer supplies, long one of HP's most profitable businesses, "will stabilize," she said, without specifying where that level was. Instead, she emphasized recent efforts to sell printing as a service to business. Kreher, noting the number of people and the amount of capital tied up in businesses less relevant for the future, said, "the company has to shrink to grow."

The company also recently announced its own cloud computing initiative, and a joint venture to sell cloud-optimized servers alongside Foxconn, a low-margin Chinese contract manufacturer. □



Sony Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Kazuo Hirai speaks during a press conference at the Sony headquarters in Tokyo. Hirai is acknowledging the company racked up losses and will stay in the red this fiscal year mainly because it failed to act quickly, but promised to carry out reforms - once and for all.

(AP Photo/ShizuoKambayashi)

which has involved shedding some businesses, together with reducing annual costs by 100 billion yen, or nearly \$1 billion - will finally set the groundwork for the company's turnaround, Kazuo Hirai, the chief executive, said at a management briefing in Tokyo. Sony expects to book an operating profit of 400 billion yen for its fiscal year that ends in March 2016.

"As we strengthen our entertainment and financial operations, we will implement the transformation of our core electronics areas to ensure growth from 2015 on," Hirai said.

Driving Sony's transformation will be streamlined gaming, imaging technology and mobile technology

manager Daniel S. Loeb last year urged Sony to spin off part of its entertainment unit, which includes movies and music, to allow the company to focus on electronics. Sony rejected that proposal, saying both sides of its business were central to its future success. In the nine months since, Sony shares have slumped 15 percent.

Some analysts have gone so far as to say the company needs to shed its consumer electronics business to climb back to profit.

"Electronics remains Sony's Achilles' heel," Atul Goyal, a technology analyst at Jefferies, said in a research note this month.

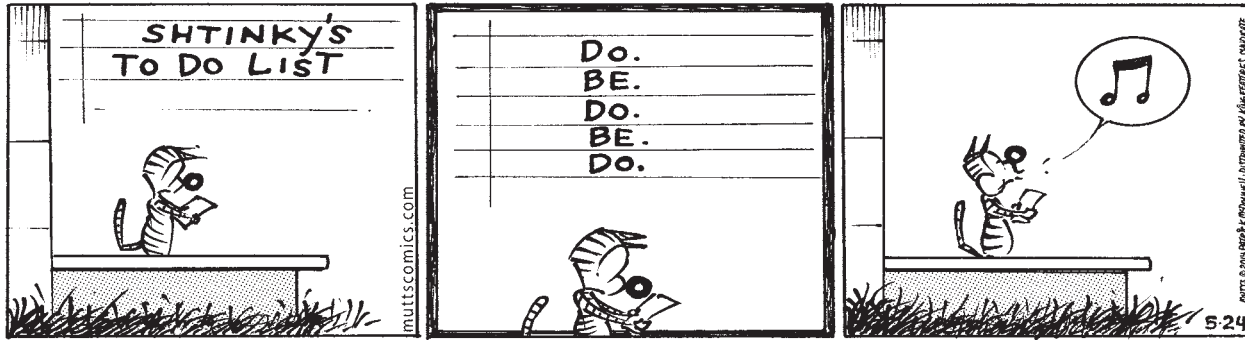
Hirai, who took charge of the company in 2012, has

selling our TV operations or shutting them down," he said Thursday.

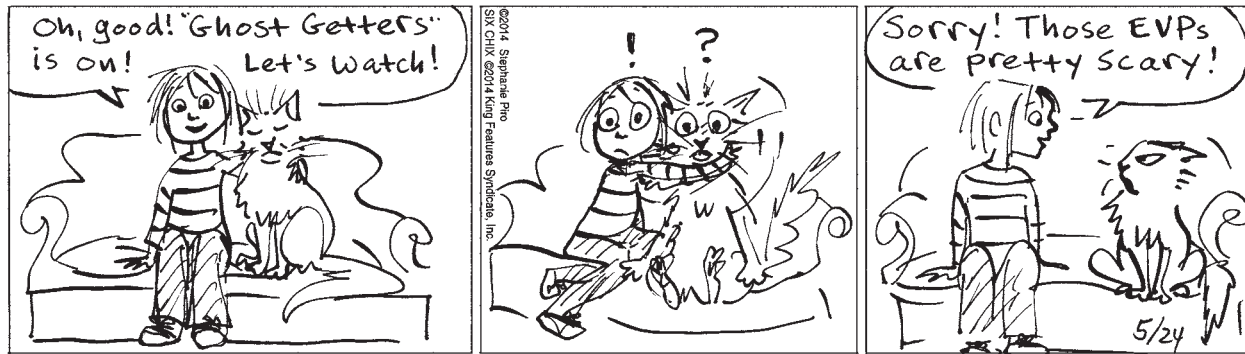
More than anything, analysts say, Sony needs a hit product. Its new video game console, the PlayStation 4, has been something of a success, selling more than 7 million units since it went on sale in November. But its gaming division still lost money last year because of the heavy costs of the console's introduction. The video game industry as a whole has also struggled to counter the rise of downloadable smartphone games.

Sony's Xperia smartphones have failed to make a dent in a market dominated by Apple's iPhones and Samsung's Galaxy line. □

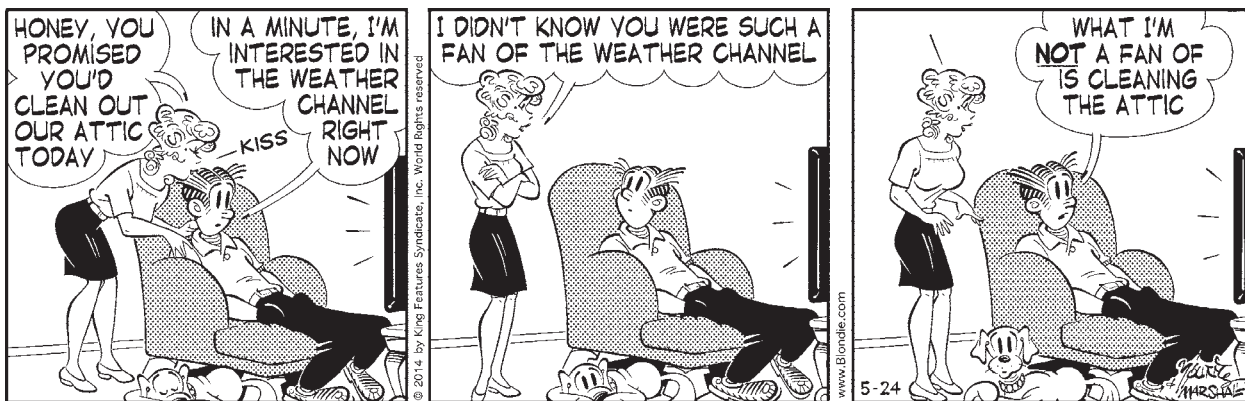
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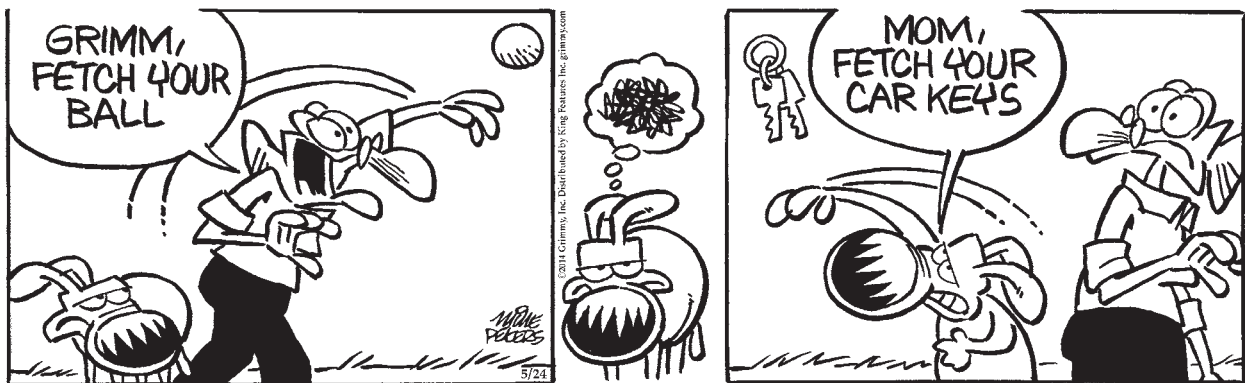
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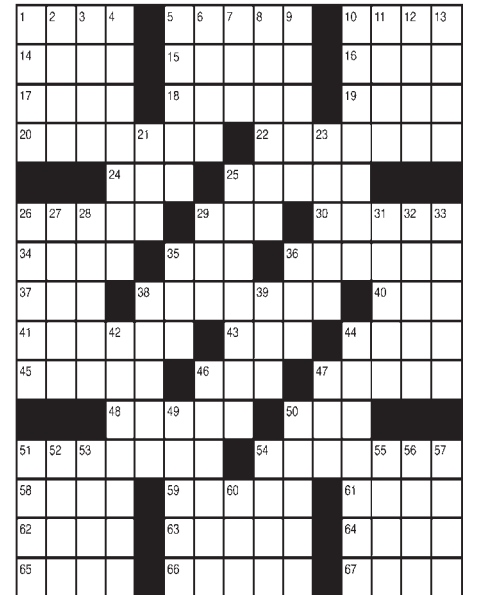
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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2	9	3	4	8	6	7	5	1
4	8	5	9	1	7	2	3	6
7	6	4	1	3	8	5	2	9
9	1	8	2	5	4	6	7	3
3	5	2	6	7	9	8	1	4

ACROSS

- 1 Cow's remarks
- 5 Not taut
- 10 Problems
- 14 Cry from a sty
- 15 Make broader
- 16 Old area that included France
- 17 "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
- 18 Confuse
- 19 Athletic shoe brand
- 20 "All go!"; signal to begin
- 22 Toiled
- 24 Samuel's guide
- 25 One who gets just his feet wet
- 26 Sneazy or Doc
- 29 "The ___ Heel State"; North Carolina
- 30 Gets closer to
- 34 Curved bones
- 35 Dine
- 36 Mitchell or McArdle
- 37 Flurry
- 38 Meanness
- 40 Lightly touch
- 41 Cattle food
- 43 Have regrets
- 44 Birdbrain
- 45 Rough woolen coat fabric
- 46 Panhandle
- 47 Most terrible
- 48 Lettuce concoction
- 50 Actor Holbrook
- 51 Fever reducer
- 54 Rats and mice
- 58 Lion's cry
- 59 Home of logs
- 61 Young horse
- 62 Helpful hint
- 63 Ridiculous
- 64 Take apart
- 65 Clutched
- 66 Zesty; spicy
- 67 In case



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

3	Singles	NICER	SPAN	SAMS
4	Lipinski and Yamaguchi	AROSE	CEDE	CLOP
5	Hindu teacher	PONCE	ATOP	RILE
6	Pot covers	SNEAKERS	AWAKEN	
7	Didn't ___ up; made no sense	PILE	SLOWEST	
8	Basement	ASCEND	SPIEL	
9	Bread recipe verb	GOO	GECKO	SEATS
10	Paid no mind to	ODOR	ROARS	DARE
11	Hideaway	GALES	UTTER	HEW
12	Gospel writer	SWINE	TEASES	
13	Snow vehicle	RAMPANT	LUGE	
21	Tiny fellow of folklore	IDIOTS	SEPARATE	
23	Bandleader — Goodman	FINN	ECHO	TIBIA
25	Irrigated	TEES	ROAN	TALES
26	Rough ___; first writing attempt	SURE	TOME	ALERT

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DOWN

- 1 Cleans a floor
- 2 Greasy

- 38 Fragrant wood
- 39 Drag
- 42 Wanted
- 44 Sad
- 46 ___ cream pie
- 47 Spitball, for example
- 49 Allowed by law
- 50 Sweetheart

- 51 Part of the foot
- 52 White fish
- 53 Actor Reiser
- 54 Engagement symbol
- 55 Zero
- 56 Small amounts
- 57 Thin opening
- 60 Embargo

Venezuelan wives of ousted mayors run for office

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— After years behind the scenes, the wives of two jailed mayors are looking to succeed their husbands in special elections that have come to symbolize the prominent role Venezuela's women are playing in three-month-old protests against President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government.

Patricia Gutierrez, 30, and Rosa Brandonisio, 54, had scant experience in politics when their husbands were ousted in March, at the height of unrest, and arrested for allegedly failing to carry out a government order to remove street barricades in the opposition strongholds they governed. Although little-known to voters previously, both are expected to coast to victory when residents of San Cristobal and San Diego vote Sunday to choose new mayors. Instead of campaigning on pledges to improve city services, they're vowing to continue their husbands' fight to force Maduro from office.

"I may not be completely ready, but I'm going into this without fear," Brandonisio told The Associated Press. "I'm just the free face of the mayor."

At least 42 people on both sides have been killed in three months of demonstrations fueled by mounting frustration with crime, food shortages and rapidly rising prices. More than 3,000 protesters have been arrested, 163 of whom remain jailed, according to the Venezuelan Penal Forum.

Although women occupy positions of power within Maduro's Cabinet, the armed forces and as pro-government community activists, their prominence within the opposition leadership is more recent, a result of a crackdown that has forced several to serve as stand-ins for their imprisoned husbands.

Brandonisio's husband, Enzo Scarano, was hastily sentenced by the Supreme Court to more than

10 months of prison after Maduro accused him of plotting a coup. The other mayor, Daniel Ceballos from San Cristobal, a western city along the border with Colombia, received a year in jail.

Ceballos is a member of the Popular Will party headed by Leopoldo Lopez, a fiery

mass protests, Lopez was arrested and charged with inciting violence. He faces up to 10 years in jail if convicted.

Lopez hasn't been unseen and unheard since turning himself in to authorities in February, and his wife Lilian Tintori, a former kitesurfing champion, has become his

three women must travel to a military prison outside Caracas.

Tintori is sometimes accompanied by another prominent female hardliner, Maria Corina Machado, who has perhaps become the president's loudest opponent. In March she was stripped of



In this photo released by the Patricia Gutierrez Press Office, opposition leader and former lawmaker Maria Corina Machado, left and mayoral candidate Patricia Gutierrez greet supporters at a campaign rally in San Cristobal, Venezuela, Thursday, May 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Patricia Gutierrez Press Office)

former mayor who went against many in the opposition by calling for Maduro's resignation just weeks after the ruling party prevailed in municipal elections. After three people died during

connection to the outside world, reading handwritten letters from jail at anti-government rallies and traveling abroad to draw attention to his case.

To see their husbands, all

her seat in Congress after being accused of treason by the president.

Venezuela has long been better known for producing beauty queens than female politicians. □

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Kiwi DNA link spurs rethink of flightless birds

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand

(AP) — Research linking New Zealand's diminutive kiwi with a giant extinct bird from Africa is prompting scientists to rethink how flightless birds evolved.

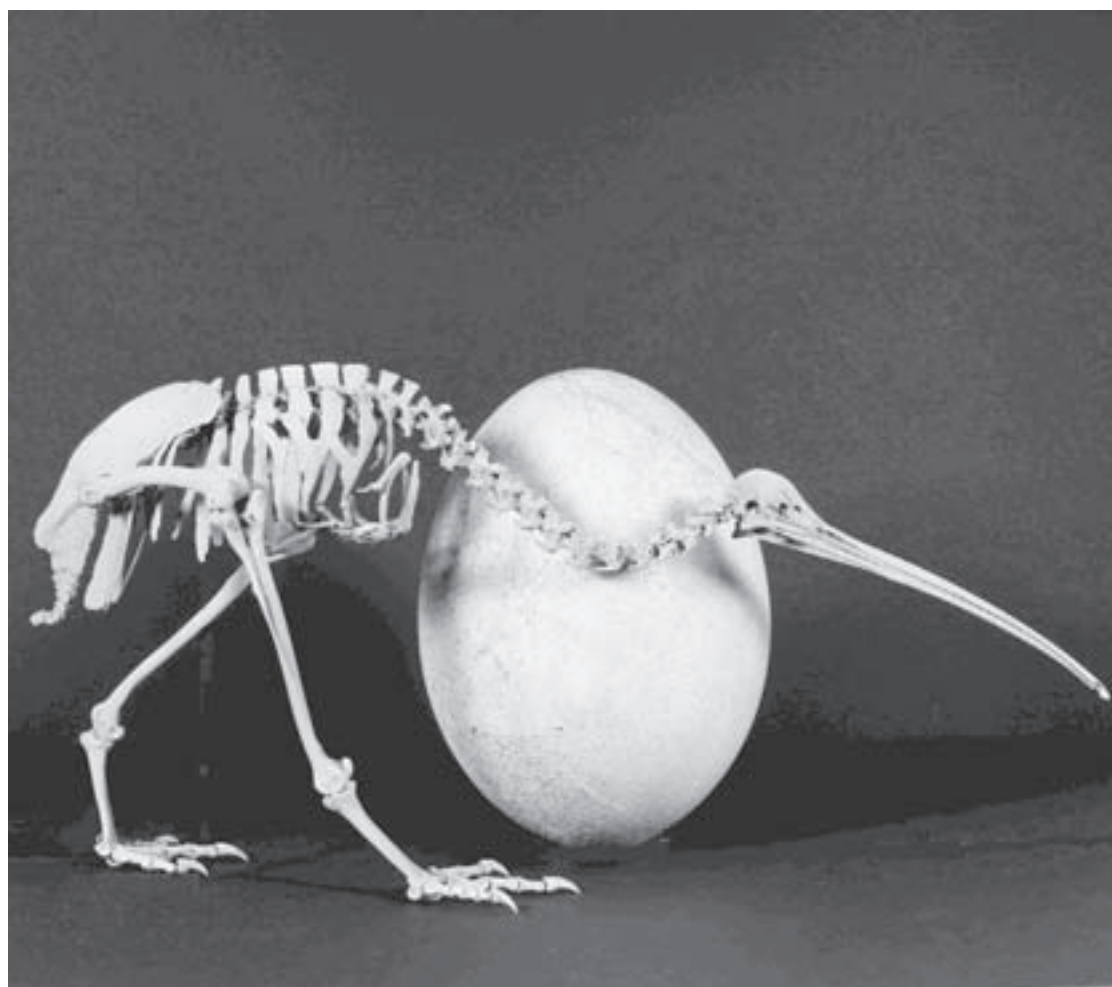
A report published Friday in the journal *Science* says DNA testing indicates the chicken-size kiwi's closest relative is the elephant bird from Madagascar, which grew up to 3 meters (10 feet) high and weighed up to 250 kilograms (550 pounds) before becoming extinct about 1,000 years ago.

The authors say the results contradict earlier theories that the kiwi and other flightless birds, including the ostrich and emu, evolved as the world's continents drifted apart about 130 million years ago.

Instead, they say, it's more likely their chicken-size, flight-capable ancestors enjoyed a window of evolutionary ascendancy about 60 million years ago, after dinosaurs died out and before mammals grew big.

Those birds, the authors say, likely flew between the continents, with some staying and becoming the large, flightless species we know today.

Alan Cooper, a professor



In this undated photo released by Canterbury Museum, a skeleton of adult brown kiwi, or *Apteryx australis*, is displayed next to an egg of a huge elephant bird, or *Aepyornis maximus*.

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at the University of Adelaide in Australia and a co-author of the paper, said the DNA results came as a huge surprise given the differences in size and location between the kiwi and elephant bird.

"This has been an evolutionary mystery for 150 years. Most things have been suggested but never this," he said. "The birds are about as different as you

can get in terms of geography, morphology and ecology."

Cooper, a New Zealander by birth, is hoping the paper will also bring him a measure of redemption.

That's because two decades ago, Cooper and other scientists discovered genetic links between the kiwi and two Australian flightless birds, the cassowary and the emu. That led

to New Zealanders believing their iconic bird might have come from Australia, a traditional rival.

"There was a huge outpouring of angst," Cooper said. "New Zealanders weren't too impressed."

The nation's identity is so entwined with the bird that New Zealanders call themselves kiwis and have also given the name to their currency and the kiwifruit.

But it turns out that if the emu was a cousin to the kiwi, the elephant bird was a sibling. Cooper said it has taken until now for DNA techniques to advance enough to get a usable result from the ancient bones of the Madagascan bird.

Cooper said the bird took its name from Arabic legends that suggested it was so fearsome it could grab an elephant with its talons. There's little basis for the legend given the bird was a flightless herbivore. In fact, it was likely humans that hunted it into oblivion, Cooper said.

Trevor Worthy, a research fellow at Australia's Flinders University and a paper co-author, said it's likely the kiwi stayed small and took to eating insects at night because it didn't want to compete for habitat and food with another New Zealand flightless bird, the moa, which is also now extinct.

He said it's strange the kiwi and elephant bird are such close relatives.

"One got big, one stayed little," he said.

Massey University professor David Penny, who wasn't involved in the research but who peer reviewed it for *Science*, said the results are very interesting and help complete the puzzle of flightless birds. □

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Lionel Richie talks BET honor, upcoming tour

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AP Entertainment Writer

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — For Lionel Richie, part of parenthood has been pay-back.

The pop icon's 19-year-old son Miles had initials inked on his hand by "Keeping up With the Kardashians" star Kylie Jenner. A video of it was posted on TMZ and made headlines on gossip blogs and celebrity web-sites.

"In life, they say to me, 'What did you do to your parents, Lionel?' And I said, 'I tried to destroy them,'" a laughing Richie said in a recent interview, noting that he thought daughter Nicole, a tabloid regular, was the parental cross he would have to bear.

"I think Miles may be the next," Richie added, smiling. "I'm only holding my breath."

Richie is also keeping busy with his All the Hits All Night Long tour, which kicks off



Recording artist Lionel Richie performs onstage at The 56th Annual GRAMMY Awards Salute to Industry Icons with Clive Davis, on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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its second North American leg May 29 in Vancouver, Canada. CeeLo Green will open.

During a break in rehearsals, the 64-year-old Richie joked: "If I wait another 10 years, even I won't remember the lyrics."

The song list will include hits he had in the 1970s and early 1980s with the Commodores. Richie left the band to go solo in 1982 and enjoyed even greater success, including Grammys, an Oscar and a Golden Globe. Next month he will be honored at the BET Awards with a lifetime achievement award.

"I don't take it lightly, especially from BET because I know, I know the talent that's there. So, I'm quite honored," he said. "I was shocked ... I didn't realize I had finally grown up to that stage." □

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Spanish 'Vagina Monologues' finds a new audience

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NEW YORK (AP)—Angelica Vale is getting steamy onstage. She puts her hands to her neck, twisting and moaning, before bursting into an orgasm that seems to leave her exhausted and completely happy.

Her expression changes when she realizes that her mother, the actress Angelica Maria, dubbed "Mexico's Sweetheart," is looking at her poker-faced. But Angelica Maria soon has the audience roaring with laughter: "Just like her mother!" she says.

The scene is part of "Los monologos de la vagina" ("The Vagina Monologues"), which marks the first time an off-Broadway theater has hosted an ongoing run of a commercial Spanish language play. It is directed by Mexican Jaime Matarredona with a trio of Mexican stars that also includes Kate del Castillo.

Its producers hope it's not the last such experiment.

"I think it sets a precedent to produce plays in Spanish and recognize that there is an interest and a market for a Spanish production in the U.S.," producer Federico Gonzalez Compean said. "This experience very likely will make us keep exploring — there's nothing

concrete — but is something that we should keep on doing."

Created by Eve Ensler in 1996 after interviewing 200 women about their sexual experiences, the play is filled with humor but also sends a strong message

good taste," said Vale, a Mexican telenovela star better known for her role in "Letty la fea," the Mexican version of "Ugly Betty."

"There's a lot of laughter, but always with a beautiful message at the end of the play".

rape, "My Vagina Was My Village."

Each of the actresses offers something different, and together they create a dynamic experience, full of camaraderie. The relationship between mother and daughter onstage is

has always been wonderful," said Angelica Maria. "I adore her, I admire her, I love her... We always get on well, even onstage."

The beloved veteran actress narrates the monologue "The Flood," inspired in the memories of an elderly woman, and movingly interprets the story of a girl raped by a friend of her family.

To del Castillo, "The Vagina Monologues" are "sadly contemporary."

"It's terrible, the monologues, all that they speak about, this violence against women, this abuse, and things haven't changed," she said recently in Mexico City. The actress, who reads stories called "My Angry Vagina," "Hair" and "The Vagina Workshop," added that "there's no way you will not identify with one of the characters."

"Los monologos de la vagina" is being staged at the Westside Theatre, which was the New York home of the original production from 1999 to 2003.

Maria, Vale and del Castillo will appear until June 1. On June 3, when the theater will start offering simultaneous translation to English, veteran Broadway actress Daphne Rubin-Vega, Argentine Maria Cellario and Dominican Flor de Liz Perez will take over. □



This image released by Team Publicity shows, from left, Angélica Vale, Angélica María, and Kate del Castillo on stage during a performance of *Monólogos de la Vagina*, (The Vagina Monologues) a play by Eve Ensler in New York.

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of respect and awareness about violence toward women. Its monologues address topics from menstruation and maternity to masturbation and orgasm, as well as topics like rape and female genital mutilation.

"It is a beautiful tribute to women, it's done with very

Vale, with her natural spark and talent for comedy, triggers the most laughter with monologues like the one that features an orgasm — done these days while the actress is six months pregnant — but also provides one of the most heart-rending moments with one about war

inevitably touching, especially with Vale expecting a baby.

"For me, working with my mom is the best, not only because she's my mom, but because she is a great goddess and a wonderful actress from which I never stop learning," said Vale.

"Working with my daughter



This July 1, 2013 file photo shows author and motivational speaker Lizzie Velasquez at the Friend Movement Anti-Bullying Benefit Concert at the El Rey Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In December 2013, she inspired millions with her TED Talk. Now Lizzie Velasquez,

once called "the world's ugliest woman," hopes to reach an even-wider audience through an anti-bullying documentary about her story.

'World's ugliest woman' pursues anti-bullying film

"I know what it is to be bullied and what is to be bullied online, and I want to be the protector of those who think it won't get better," said Velasquez, 25, who has a rare disease that makes it impossible for her to gain weight. She has never weighed more than 64 pounds and is blind in one eye.

"The idea is that they see the documentary and realize that, yes, it is possible to overcome everything," she told The Associated Press during an interview in a coffee shop in Austin, Texas.

She's raising money for the

film, tentatively titled "The Lizzie Project," through a Kickstarter campaign that has already collected more than \$123,000 in donations. The campaign, whose trailer can be seen at TheLizzieProject.com, ends May 31. The goal is to raise \$180,000.

Velasquez was born in Austin in 1989 with a syndrome so rare only two other people in the world are known to have it.

She became a celebrity on Dec. 5, 2013, when her TED Talk (short speeches designed to share and spread ideas from a number of disciplines) in Aus-

tin (part of the worldwide event TEDxWomen) became a hit. In her speech, Velasquez explained that her life changed at age 17, when she saw herself on a YouTube video titled, "The world's ugliest woman." The video's comments section featured comments such as, "Do the world a favor and put a gun to your head."

"Instead of just taking shelter of my tears, I chose to be happy and realize this syndrome is not a problem but a blessing that allows me to improve myself and inspire other people," said Velasquez. □

Remember to Forget



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WASHINGTON - The Right to Be Forgotten.

It sounds like the title of a classic novel about desire and memory, perhaps Marcel Proust's sequel to "Remembrance of Things Past."

It is, in fact, based on a French legal phrase, *le droit à l'oubli*, the "right of oblivion," which allows criminals who have paid their debt to society to object to the publication of information about their conviction and jail time.

That concept was the underpinning of the European Court of Justice's jolting ruling last week that Google and other search engines can be forced to remove search results about ordinary citizens linking to news articles, websites, court records and other documents if the information is deemed "inadequate, irrelevant or no longer relevant" - even if it is truthful.

There goes the Internet.

At a time when American society is obsessed with memory and how it slips away, the Europeans are focused on forgetting and how it slips away.

As James Gleick wrote in "The Information," "Forgetting used to be a failing, a waste, a sign of senility. Now it takes effort. It may be as important as remembering."

Still stung by the overreaches of the NSA, collaborating with American tech companies, the Europeans are challenging what is far more accepted here: the right of Big Data to have All Data, the right of knowing to trump the right of privacy.

They are implicitly rebuking America, the land of Gatsbyesque reinvention, by defending the right to reinvention.

The suit against Google was brought by Mario Costeja González, a self-proclaimed Google fan and graphologist who is a consultant on nonverbal communication. He resented a Google link to a 1998 Barcelona newspaper article that said the government had forced him to sell a house to settle unpaid debts.

About the Internet, he told the Financial Times. "There is data that is not relevant and that affects your dignity and your private life."

A New York Times editorial warned that the ruling could lead to a purge that "would leave Europeans less well-informed and make it harder for journalists and dissidents to have their voices heard."

Laura Handman, a First Amendment lawyer and partner at Davis Wright Tremaine, notes that

"the right to be forgotten" is an effort to restore the legal concept of "practical obscurity," which meant, in the old days, people would have to go to a library and look up stories on microfiche to delve into someone's past.

"There's no more practical obscurity with search engines," Handman said. She worries that information from the past that is relevant to the present - be it about criminals, predators, aspiring politicians or even Spanish deadbeats - could be taken down. It could be hard for search engines to make nuanced responses to claims so they might yank chunks of information off, she said, and then, "What gets lost?"

There's already a measure to help the most innocently reckless, topless, tipping and selfie-obsessed among us. California lawmakers passed a law last year that, in 2015, will give minors the legal right to delete their on-line indiscretions.

Gleick is dismayed to find himself defending Google. "Forgetting is a skill we have to relearn because it's a balm, a safety valve, a blessing," he said. "But lobotomizing the Internet is not the answer."

"We need to be aware that this kind of perfect, prosthetic memory that the Internet has created for us is a burden as much as it is a useful tool. But that doesn't mean that people suddenly have the right to burnish their reputations by distorting the record in the infosphere."

Meg Ambrose, an assistant professor at Georgetown University who is writing a book on the subject, praises the European skepticism.

"People are sick of walking on eggshells and censoring themselves," she said. "They would like a bit of leniency in our personal data and how it's used."

Jaron Lanier, the author of "Who Owns the Future?" and a man known as "the father of virtual reality," vehemently agrees, comparing González to "the guy in Tiananmen Square who stood up to a row of tanks."

He notes that the rich and powerful tech elites - like Google's Eric Schmidt, who lamented the ruling - seek the ability to control and restrict information about themselves.

He thinks the ruling rebuts Big Data's "infantile desire for immediate gratification where you get to know everyone else's secrets even as you seek to keep your own. In order for others to be free, that means you don't get to stuff your nose into all their orifices all the time. It's this horrible fusion of nerd supremacy with hyper-libertarianism that has taken over in Silicon Valley."

"We have to give each other some space and trust and room and faith and privacy," he said. "There should be a right to self-definition, self-invention and how you present yourself."

Or else we're digitally doomed to be like Gatsby, "borne back ceaselessly into the past." □



Four Words Going Bye-Bye



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The more I read the news, the more it looks to me that four words are becoming obsolete and destined to be dropped from our vocabulary. And those words are "privacy," "local," "average" and "later." A lot of what drives today's news derives from the fact that privacy is over, local is over, average is over and later is over.

Lord knows I have no sympathy for Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, but the public disclosure of a private recording of his racist rants underscored the fact that in a world where everyone with a cellphone camera is paparazzi, everyone with access to Twitter and a cellphone voice recorder is a reporter and everyone who can upload video on YouTube is a filmmaker, everyone else is a public figure - and fair game.

It is now so easy for anyone to record, film or photograph anyone else anywhere and share it with the world (without an editor or libel lawyer) that we are all now on Candid Camera. You cannot assume anything is private anymore. Which is why it is not surprising that I now often hear regular people - not high government officials - saying to me in conversation: "This is off-the-record." Huh? What are you, secretary of state? I start to imagine third-graders on play dates talking about their teacher and asking each other, "Are we on the record or off the record? Is your cellphone or Google glasses recording this?"

The Associated Press reported that Sterling's racist remarks were part of a conversation recorded by his lady friend (by mutual agreement) on her cellphone, some of which she then sent digitally to a friend of hers for "safe-keeping," who then leaked it to TMZ, a gossip website.

The always smart Bill Maher on his "Real Time" show of May 9 rightly noted, "Now that Americans are getting wise to the dangers of being spied on by the government, they have to start getting more alarmed about spying on each other. Because if the Donald Sterling mess proved anything it's that there's a force out there just as powerful as Big Brother: Big Girlfriend. ... In an op-ed in The Washington Post, Kathleen Parker offered one way with dealing the modern world's ubiquitous invasions of privacy: give up. She wrote: 'If you don't want your words broadcast in the public square, don't say them.' Really? Even at home? We have to talk like a White House press spokesman?" It may be so.

Local is over for the same reason. Everything and anything controversial you say or do anywhere in today's hyperconnected world can immediately go global. Beyoncé's sister Solange starts kicking and swinging at Jay Z inside a hotel elevator and the attack is captured on surveillance video - bam, global. And you don't have to be Solange for your slap to be heard round the world. On Monday, Google News carried the following story: "SANTA ROSA, Calif. (KGO) - A Santa Rosa mother is accused of assaulting a boy she believed was bullying her daughter." It doesn't get more local than that, but it went global thanks to Google. Anyone who tells you that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas is pulling your leg.

I've been arguing for a while now that "average is over." It has to be when every boss has cheaper, easier, faster access to software, automation, robots, cheap foreign labor and cheap

foreign genius that can produce above-average so easily. Everyone needs to find their unique value-add, their "extra," and be constantly re-engineering themselves if they want to obtain, or advance in, a decent job that can't be digitized.

Consider this article published in The New York Times on April 23: "EASTON, N.Y. - Something strange is happening at farms in upstate New York. The cows are milking themselves. Desperate for reliable labor and buoyed by soaring prices, dairy operations across the state are charging into a brave new world of udder care: robotic milkers, which feed and milk cow after cow without the help of a single farmhand."

Overnight, an average farmhand went from knowing how to milk a cow to having to learn how to program and operate the robotic cow-milker - to keep a job. That takes above-average skills.

Finally, comes the news, reported in this paper May 13, that scientists have concluded that "a large section of the mighty West Antarctica ice sheet has begun falling apart and its continued melting now appears to be unstoppable. ... 'Today we present observational evidence that a large sector of the West Antarctic ice sheet has gone into irreversible retreat,'" said Eric Rignot, a glaciologist at the University of California, Irvine. ... "It has passed the point of no return."

As I've noted before, when we were growing up, "later" meant that you could paint the same landscape, see the same animals, climb the same trees, fish the same rivers, visit the same Antarctica, enjoy the same weather or rescue the same endangered species that you did when you were a kid - but just later, whenever you got around to it. Not anymore. Later is now when you won't be able to do any of them ever again. So whatever you're planning to save, please save it now. Because later is when they'll be gone. Later will be too late. Later - like private, local and average - is over. □

Squid: Make It Tender, Make It Quick

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If you are a calamari fan and you also care about choosing sustainable seafood, look no further. Get thee to a fishmonger and buy some squid. It won't set you back much; a pound of squid costs only a few dollars. By rights, something that tastes so good should cost a lot more.

At the fish stand, a gorgeous pile of fresh squid, pinky-purple speckled skin glistening and eyes bright, is a sight to behold. I always think fresh is better, but frozen squid is a perfectly good option, if not as picturesque.

Most people buy squid already cleaned and ready to cook anyway. This means it has been gutted, scraped and rinsed, then divided into bodies (or tubes) and tentacles, both of which are delicious. Make sure to get some of each.

Squid is adaptable, willing to take on nearly any sort of seasoning, whether a simple olive oil-garlic-herb marinade or a complex spiced one.

The general rule of squid cookery: Cook it briefly over high heat to keep it tender. Use a wok or sauté pan for a quick stir-fry, or batter the squid for deep or shallow frying. Or try squid grilled over hot coals.

Though classic fried cala-

mari with marinara sauce is tempting, it may be best experienced in a rowdy tavern. At home, with cocktails or pinot grigio, you may want to serve fried squid with a hit of Chinese five-spice powder for a change of pace, so tasty it needs only a squeeze of lime.

The secret to great home frying is to keep the oil at the proper temperature and to never crowd the pan. An exhaust fan is nice, too. Another great high-heat method is roasting squid whole in a hot oven, seasoned and drizzled with olive oil. As it roasts, the squid crisps and browns a bit here and there in a lovely way. Adding Spanish chorizo as I do here, along with a dash of smoky pimentón (also known as Spanish paprika) gives the squid incredible flavor. The pan juices make a delicious sauce to mop up with bread or to spoon over a salad of squid, potatoes and greens. Squid can also be braised, like a meat stew, but must then be cooked for an hour or more to return to tenderness. Consider braised squid with white wine, tomatoes and basil for a summer stew; or red wine, bacon and leeks for a cool-weather stew. But for now, stick to speed.

ROASTED SQUID WITH CHORIZO & PIMENTÓN

Time: 45 minutes



Fried Squid with five spice powder and cayenne in New York, April 29, 2014. The general rule of squid cookery is to cook it briefly over high heat to keep it tender.

(Stephen Scott Gross/The New York Times)

2 pounds small yellow-fleshed potatoes, preferably Yukon Gold
Salt and pepper
1 1/2 pounds cleaned squid, both bodies and tentacles

Extra-virgin olive oil
4 ounces Spanish chorizo, diced (about 3/4 cup)
Pinch of red pepper flakes
8 ounces arugula, baby spinach or tender dandelion leaves (4 large handfuls)
Pimentón (Spanish paprika) for dusting
3 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley

1. Put potatoes in a pot of well-salted water and bring to a simmer. Let simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain; keep warm.
2. Place oven rack in the top position and heat oven to 475 degrees. Rinse squid inside and out, then drain and pat dry. Cut tentacles in half if large, but leave squid bodies whole. Season on both sides with salt and pepper.
3. Put a large cast-iron skillet over high heat. When hot, add 2 tablespoons olive oil and the chorizo. Let chorizo sizzle. Add red pepper flakes, then add squid all at once in 1 layer. Do not crowd squid; use 2 pans if necessary. Stir to coat squid with oil.
4. Immediately transfer pan to top rack in hot oven. Let roast for 6 to 10 minutes, depending on size of squid. They are ready when bodies are puffed and starting to brown and crisp at edges. Pour off and reserve pan juices and chorizo.
5. To serve, slice potatoes and, if you like, cut squid into rings. Arrange greens, potatoes and squid on a large platter, dust lightly with pimentón and sprinkle with parsley. Spoon pan juices and chorizo over everything.
Yield: 4 to 6 servings

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into 1-inch pieces, tentacles halved
Vegetable oil, for frying
1 cup cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon cayenne
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon five-spice powder
1 or 2 serrano chilies, split lengthwise and sliced thinly
Cilantro sprigs, for garnish
Lime wedges, for serving

1. Rinse squid well in cold water, then drain well and pat dry with kitchen towels.
2. Heat 2 inches of vegetable oil in a wok or cast-iron pan. Adjust heat to maintain 375 degrees.
3. In a medium bowl, stir together cornstarch, cayenne, salt, black pepper and five-spice powder. Set bowl near stove.
4. Dip squid pieces into cornstarch mixture, one by one, and immediately slip carefully into hot oil. Let fry, making sure not to crowd the pan. (Use 2 pans or work in batches if necessary.) Turn pieces with tongs to ensure even cooking. When squid is lightly browned, after about 2 minutes, remove pieces and blot on paper towels.
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5-SPICE FRIED SQUID

Time: 45 minutes

1 1/2 pounds cleaned squid, bodies cut crosswise



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